

Phil^d Feb^y 20th

we shall
be sure to hear
from you
Mother. so.

your father was had
the last winter -
he was with us
till he was taken
from Solomons. Mary has very
much been taken
by the loss of her
father.

Horace had a letter
from you yesterday, in which
you express some anxiety - about
not hearing from me, I think
yours must have been written
before my last reached you -
however, I must not leave any
affectionate call on your mind
that I can relieve. We are all
well, Horace returned on Tuesday
from N.Y bringing Dear Becky with
him, but she only staid until
the next morning - kind, loving little
soul, she yearned to see us, in our
bereaved condition! and could not
stay longer from her children -
they left your Father well, tho' he
had been indisposed, before Horace
got there, with an attack of his
old disease. The very cold weather
kept him too long in the house - and

That the Spring approaches, he
will be able to walk or drive abroad
and hope the exercise will keep
him well - in another month Jane
will probably be on, and her visit
will cheer him, will not it when
bring you when he visits Washing^{ton};
Is he coming for the inauguration
of the new President? Isaac Moore
is here on his way South. The last
accounts of your cousin Brandon
were more favorable - we think
before the end of March our dear
Ben will be here, he is so very
desirous of seeing the remnant of
his beloved family. Dear Sister Marys
looks better than she has done for
a long time - I spend an hour with
her every day. She is generally alone
in the afternoon - her mornings are cheered
by many visitors, the friends of her
daughters come continually and
we always welcome - bringing with them
the recollection of other times. If her
sight were better, I think she would
be willing to go abroad -

her little Grand son Robbie was
sick last week & she told the Dr. to
bring his carriage & take her to see him,
but the child is better, and her wish
to go out has ceased. Laura's good
society is a home treasure to her,
and our Dear Julia, is my constant
companion, she has been suffering
all winter with Rheumatism, and
is quite thin. The afflictions of the
last year, has pressed heavily on her.
in N.Y. at Fishkill & again here.
She has been made familiar with
the visitation of Death, the Spokes!
and its effects on all her friends -
While you please give my love
to Fanny Minis and thank her
for her kind lines in Charles' letter.
I appreciate her sympathy coming
from one, who has so recently been
herself a mourner. My kindest remem-
brance also to Mrs Minis & the girls -
and to Josephine & her sister. I hope
Anna Keller's health is restored. Sally
Hays is well. This wet weather will
delay their moving, which I think
an advantage, as the season is very

unfavorable for it, & the dampness
of a new house in early Spring
rather ~~a~~ perilous for delicate women.
I hope Mr. Cohen has entirely
recovered, as your letter to Horace
does not say to the contrary. Give
him my love, and embrace your
children for me. All Charles his
best friends are getting on very
comfortably this winter, I hear no
complaints and his Mother is very
active in her out door duties, which
moves all well at home - Julia, your
Uncle Jo & Horace send much love
to you & Dr. Co.

Sara has weaned her little boy
and suffered no inconvenience
She says he sleeps & eats well, and
is so fond of her, that he does not
get after his nurse - her children
are all well.

May God bless you my dearest
Minna, and reward you for all
the comfort your love has given
me. I may yet long enjoy the
happiness which now encompasses your
domestic relations - ever believe me fondly
yours O. B.