

Phila May 25th 1856

your charming, happy letter. My
Dear Maria, made me glad to read
it. your good works bring them re-
ward along with them. you are abun-
dantly strengthened in them by the
aid and co-operation of your kind
husband. I should indeed have enjoyed
to have witnessed your vocal festivities
and mistaken your Pappoe's attendance
at daily worship. I was too far from Syn-
gogue to attend during the bad weather
which set in after the first stage. Mr Morris
gave us an extemporaneous discourse - very
ably & appropriately urging the duties of
obedience to the law and duty to parents.
but I do not deem him an eloquent man.
he is faithful in his vocation - attention
to the sick - comes weekly to the Sunday
school - and is very popular in his con-
gregation. I was so anxious to retain our
old Wagon Mr Leese - that I have perhaps

ever more truly your affectionate and RB
your husband & Maria's heart shall best love

been slow, to form an opinion of his
superior. He is well disposed to do him justice.

I shall be much obliged to you my dear
Minim, for the Prayer of your Hymn, which
you promised me. The influence of prayer
in English is of great importance most wor-
-ship where alas the sublime language of
the Hebrews is so little known - Grace equals
beautiful effusions, breathe the very
spirit of devotion - and are by far the finest
from their simplicity & earnestness, of any
that I ever saw - The gift of Prayer, seems
to be peculiar, we all feel better than we
can express, what is due to our Creator.
we would lay our heart open to Him
but have not words to utter our devotion.
"May the meditations of our hearts be accept-
able to him." When the words of one mortal
are fitter than the Psalmist - seem unable
to express them -

I had a letter from Java, making enquiries
about you & yr children. The complaints of your
being bad correspondents. begs to know if you
will not be with us this summer - and talks

of coming down in July. to bring her children, when they may have sea bathing. They will require to have country air - so do not expect to keep them in the city long - but a change will be beneficial - her two youngest we have never seen. Matilda is getting teeth very hard - and Sara seems very anxious about her - Sara's Mother is very happy in the Major's return - I do not know how long they will continue in Phil^a his movements depend on "the department." until they place him - Sara will I suppose continue here - Minnie's Mother has returned from Baltimore. The mob with great kindness, but found all her relations, sick or dead. But Poor has since died - Josephine still gives us a good deal of concern. by her despondency. She had never purchased self denial, and finds it hard even to control her grief. Her dear old Grandmother is patient & peaceful - her health is good, but she never leaves her house, when urged to drive she says, her sight is too dim to let her enjoy the scenery, and she just pines from day to day to gratify us in that way she always sends dear love to you, Mr. Locken & the children. Mrs. Storey speaks of your family with much pleasure & the kindness she received at your house - she speaks of Grady as too hard a student for his years.

and of all with admiration, Sally Mays
bore her disappointment admirably - she
was all prepared to take passage for Savannah
Saturday week - when she was deterred by a
slight indisposition of her youngest child -
which the Dr. thought might be the beginning
of a disease - but it did not turn out to be
so - the Dr. however, gave her cause to be
satisfied with her decision, for he was laid up
for a week by a very painful Pile - Your
Uncles are well, Jo. just recovering from a severe
cold - Joe is able to walk out in fair weather -
& Hyman actually engaged with his Pol. Constitu-
tion the reading of free Acts in free Exhibition.
There are some beautiful pictures I should
like you to see - Do you ever hear from El Louie?
Pepie writes to me frequently from her school -
I expect she will go home at the end of this
Septor. - from little Mary I had a letter last week
and one from Gratz's wife. They are getting on very
happily - young Gratz has got a situation in a
country house, the Dr. only writes to your Father.
I have paid a visit to N.Y. and wrote he left all
well there, except your Uncle David, who was on
the recovery - Prue's second son, celebrates his 13th birth-
day next week - Give my love to your Mother and
all the dear children, and believe me my beloved Mamma