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I thank my Dearest Minnie for
your two charming letters and
for the loving compliance with
my desire to commemorate the
virtues of my beloved sister. you have
done her justice with feelings which
none but you could so well have
expressed. I would only use the privilege
you gave me, to correct a mistake,
and add two words - not to alter one
you had written - and in order
that you should not be discovered
without you have got a copy made
in a writing which Mr. Lessor even
did not know. your Dear Grady's
easy, smooth versification, is beautiful
he shows a decided literary taste,
and excellent feelings in defending
the much abused state "of single
Bachelors" Old Maids are generally
young folks's way. & are rarely
reminded of the charms that have
passed away. perhaps Grady

I shall deliver your
message to Minnie. Every
one seems to be
very busy with your wishes.
The witnesses must be
one more to be taken
I will always
be glad to be
remembered
to you
I have
to love.

meant to warn some favorite
belle of the danger involved by
young beauties, if they permit the
"Roses fade upon their cheeks."

I hope Goetz's Muse was inspired
by some mental beauty, which had
survived the ravages of time, and
may enable her to re-bloom in
immortal youth.

My friend Mrs. Kimble has been
here for one month, having brought
her "Rose" to her winter home. She
came frequently to see us. In her
last visit, brought me the vol. of
poems you allude to. She went to
N.Y. yesterday, and is going to read
Shakespeare there again. In the
Spring she hopes to take her youngest
Daughter to England with her to
spend the summer. Where her busi-
ness calls her.

I received a letter this morning from
our dear Sara, her family are all
well, and she is comfortable. The
winter is very severe there. A con-

- Able to contrail to your enjoy-
ment of pleasure in the woods and
open air - the talks of her family
high in which they take their daily
exercise - the three youngest children
prefer staying at home - when the
mercury is below zero - Seiss and Grady
Nathan. arrived here yesterday, to
pass a few days, and witness their
Uncle Robert's marriage to morrow -
their father will probably arrive to-
day, unless recalled by the snow
the boys tell me your Aunt Sally
will stay with Betty during her
husband's absence -

George is very well and very busy
the snow has not kept him from Rich-
mond - but occupation at home gives
him little time for his usual habit
of reading - you may imagine how
dull our winter hours now pass -
Henry Hays has taken lodgings in
Ninth Street - and the dear old house fallen
into disuse - I never leave my own
door, without the bitter thought, that
the only one I ever wish to enter is
shut for ever!

and that this too - so long my
home & where I hoped too have
passed my life - will go into
other hands -

Julia sends her love, she is like
a sister - or daughter to me - like
my own Dear Mamma the sympathizing
friend in all my cares &
sorrows - you & Iacc have both
given me the hope of seeing you
and on this I shall dwell.
May it please God to permit
me to realize this hope! give
my dear love to your Husband
& children - and remember me
most kindly to your neighbors
and Sister's family - Sally &
Philippa were both here on Sunday
and are well - I am glad to hear
you have so good a friend to your
Orphan Sonny as Mrs. Leveaux. she
has been very kind to me, & I have
a sincere regard for her. God Bless
you my Dear Mamma. I am very grateful
for all your love & kindness & embrace
you with all my heart. ever yours R.B.