

Phil^a March 14th - 1859

My Dear Miriam

your letter has been opened two or three times, to be re-perused and answered - but my intrusions frustrated by unavoidable interruptions - but this morning I think I have a fair chance of accomplishing it, as I do not mean to take advantage of a severe cold, and excuse my self again - but please bear it in mind - if you find me unusually stupid. The two recent sad events you mention, came so unexpectedly upon me - that they completely unnerved me - Mrs. Florence, seemed to have died, from pure over exertion, her frail constitution could not bear the mental & bodily ^{strain} a rapid crowd of events involved her in - The marriage festivities of her two daughters - brought large calls on

her hospitalities, and still greater ones
on her Maternal sensibilities. Then she
went to N.Y. where new & varied scenes
of excitement were to await her. & she
came home, only to sink & die! before
her family or friends knew of her illness!
I loved & valued this good woman, for
her many excellent qualities, and sym-
pathize with her afflicted friends.
Mr. Leiser sincerely mourns her loss -
Poor Abraham Cohen, has left Elkalah
very desolate & forlorn, both her surviving
Brothers are sickly & poverty-stricken,
and she is indeed to be pitied. Her whole
world seemed comprised within her own
dwelling - and now that is bereaved of all
efficient aid and companionship, she
must feel in the deepest affliction. I go
frequently to see her - but we have been
so long - so very long separated, that I do
not know if my presence is any comfort
- tion to her. Mr. Glazov accompanies his
daughter Selma to N.York where he means

to settle among his children - one Dear
Betsy is still anxious about her Aunt Sally -
Haniel Ething will continue in Richmond
during the illness of Miss Mass. of whose recovery
there are no hopes entertained - your daughter
Jermine is still shedding its weeds before me -
the vegetation here is advancing amidst the
hopes & fears of cultivation - bloom is always well
- come - even if a frost should succeed -

I suppose Profie is with you by this time. Grace
had a letter lately from her brother - which speaks
well of the health of all the family - and of his
fair prospects in his profession - our little Mary
writes very interesting letters characteristic of
her affectionate heart, and clear head, and
charming disposition - give our love to Profie.
we hope to see her later in the season - she would
not relish a northern Spring after a southern winter.
our letters from Isaac are very satisfactory
Harry has here some weeks ago, and he
invited us a visit from his family this Spring
but their Spring are so late, that it seems
an indefinite time

Julia & Grace send their love to you
and your husband - the news paper
directed to me by Mr Cohen, Horace took
on its passage from the Post office

which he very much regretted. Thank
your husband and give him my love.
What ever has been my loss. I thank him
for thinking of me by sending the em-
brace of our darling Fido for me.

I hope Mrs Minis has regained her
health, and that you will all enjoy
the Province, in health & festivity -
My former days are all past away.
but a calm (I hope grateful) evening
is closing around me, on which the
reflections of those I love sheds a light.

May God keep watch over you my
dearest Miriam, and give you many
happy anniversaries ever yours
affectionate Aunt RB

Sally has promised to dine with us
to day & bring Jo, she & Miriam send
their love - Philippa & her boy are doing
well. The measles has kept me away
from her for some time, but she is doing
well -