

Phil^a Oct. 19th 1854

I hope My Dear Miriam
you are all safe at home and
rested from the fatigue of your
long journey and that to day
you will be able to send me the
glad tidings - I missed you at
my school this morning in the
school, where you have been wont
to accompany me - We miss you
all every day, in every place - the
young girls miss their sweet
companions and are longing for
Julia's arrival to fill up the
gaps I hope Mr Loken has had
no return to neuralgia, I feel the
benefit of his summer trip while
pursuing his home avocations - it
is quite cold to day here with a
bleaker wind than he would wish

I went yesterday to see Mrs
A. Cohen she looked very pretty
but was suffering greatly - patiently
and thankful that her daughters
were with her, / Fanny arrived the
night before / and that the Drs
encouraged her with the hopes
of better times - poor Mr White
had closed his painful career
and been removed to his sons -
Our sympathy has been called to
our friend Mrs Markoe's family,
she is desperately ill - her grand
daughter Mrs Newton Cox died in
her confinement very unexpectedly
leaving a young orphan family -
you know it is scarcely six months
since her husband died -

Is it because our own wounds
are still bleeding that we dwell
so pitiously on the afflicting

beneficence of others? I do
not know my dear Miriam
if I shall ever experience the
glow of cheerfulness again -
I thank God for all his mercies
and am I hope resigned to his
decrees. I can with Job bless the
name of the Lord, for all he gave
and all he has taken away and
can add, for all that remains
to me on earth, of the treasures
of love. His bounty bestowed
on us. I am grateful my dear
child, for the gratification affor-
ded me, by the presence of your
dear family, and in the conviction
that you are blessed beyond the
measure of good gifts inherited
by most of the human family.

Mrs. Grace has had another letter
from Becky. her children are all
well - John was absent - he will

reply to day to her request
if I am ~~come~~ down this fall
I have written to her to bring
Bucky here - it is ~~more~~ ^{almost} ~~near~~ a year
since we met - we expect Julia
next week - I saw Mrs Minnie &
the girls yesterday - they are all
well - including Sally & Philippa
your Uncle, Ann & the girls
send love to you I so would share
if he were here - so you must
reunite it warmly. And may
God bless you my darling
niece & friend - and may all
who belong to you be registered
in the book of life eternal,
and a happy worker in this
world - ever your devoted
My love to Mr Leckie. R.G.
and kisses to Grady & his sisters
all