

I thank you a thousand times,
My Dear Mr. Cohen for your affec-
tionate and consolatory letter,
your just appreciation of our
beloved friend is very grateful
to my feelings. I have indeed been
sorely tried - but remember that the
"God who gave," alone "hath taken away,"
and gives us the privilege to
mourn, if we do ^{not} murmur against
his holy will. I endeavour to be
resigned - count over all the treat-
ments of love He bestowed on me, and
remember that His chastenings
are full of mercy. "The righteous
are removed from the evil to
come," and thus I wonder on the
sad destiny of our unhappy
country torn by evils of our
own creating. How many we
love may be sacrificed by

The coming strife! my only comfort is that we shall love and pray for each other through all changes & chances of this life.

I thank you for telling me of your pleasant visit to your native city and the benevolent object that took you there. I hope you will have an opportunity of sending me a copy of your oration.

Belle has wonderfully grown and put on the semblance of womanhood, without losing the countenance of her childhood. I miss her curls, but they are well exchanged for the clear brow her picture exhibits. Give my dear love to Anisiam & all your children. Becky paid me a short visit - and we are in daily expectation of Sarah's arrival. Like my dear Minnie, they feel the desire to see & console with me in my affliction. I

May she too may again bless
me with her presence. we
expect a part of Major Moore
sars family here this evening.
I send three of her children who
stop at her brother's. the rest
will follow shortly. young Gutz
Moses has been with us a few days
he sends love. Horace accepts
your terms and recommends
your affectionate, brotherly love
most warmly & cordially. and I
beg you my dear nephew
to accept the grateful and
affectionate regard of your
aunt & friend
Elizabeth

Phil^a May 22nd - 1861