

With love to all
my dear relatives -
Accept for yourself
the best & affection
of your Mother.
H. J.

Baltimore - March 2^d 1858. - Sat. Evng -

I wish it were in my power by my own dear
Aunts, to convey upon this lifeless piece of paper the
many earnest prayers, & kind wishes, which are filling my
heart. I write this evening, that on your birthday you
may receive this assurance, that you are lovingly remembered.
I trust that many years of health & usefulness, will
be accorded to you - & in the good wishes I now offer,
I desire to include, our dear kind Friend, whose birth
day corresponds with yours. - I feel too, that it is not
alone, for ^{their} your own sake, I wish so ardently for both
my dear friends, long life & happiness - But a great
selfishness mingles with these better feelings - for
what should I do, if deprived of their affections, interests
& protecting care? That, has so long been my support
& consolation. My Father cordially unites in these
expressions & sends you both, his best love. -

Your last letter which evinced such kind solicitude
about my health, was indeed a grateful & cheering
inculcative, for a more prudent course - for I am
not usually careful, when any temptation (like the
Opera) induces me, to forget, I need further care -
But that you should so lovingly caution me, gave
me a thrill of pleasure, I could not conceal -
For the past week my Father's suffering has engrossed
most all my time & he bids me tell you, he now
in reality, belongs to a stiff necked & rebellious race -
I hope, by persevering in the remedy he now employs,
he may be well in another week - Then if he
woud take my advice, my cure - he will go to
dear Phil - But I should not accompany him,
as preparations for Lapores will, keep me steadily
occupied, after next week - My wish too, is still
absent - nursing an ill brother - I miss her
valuable services & hope she may very soon, return.

Josephine E. Tenny

1858

I was sorry your examination is postponed - I thought they would have taken place, upon the same day -
My friend Cassie has been an inveterate, this past week -
The folks 'upstairs' are as usual. Aunt F. - was here
this afternoon, but I did not see her - I hope dear
Edwina will be free from cares during this harsh month.
I suppose she is down stairs - but Rose never tells me.
We expect to see Capt. Henry every day - I am disap-
pointed that his recovery has not restored Minnie's
health, by reviving her long-broken spirits - Give
my love, for the poor thing - I was once as pitiable
in many ways, as she is now - but I am well -
Indeed I never enjoyed better health, than at this
moment - My mental vigor, is also restored - but
sad thoughts often make my spirits "sick with
sore dismay" - but as my favorite piece says - "The
trial for thy good it meant" - & while I have your
love & sympathy - I shall combat these feelings -

Josephine Elting

1856

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