

You are you doing in your orphan Asylum and Sunday School
Miss Maria
coming with
Prose
How is daily
Hays' health
Please
write to
me soon
Dear Aunt
Mother
Bernard
Sally and
Theresa
I am sure not better or more
greater, or more ed
greatest pleasure than yours dear Aunt, gave me
I read it, and unread it for fear that by chance I had
overlooked some particle of good - I accounted for your
long absence, by considering ^{that} your very many duties
helped you constantly engaged - Sincerely do I hope that
so long a time may never again elapse without my
hearing from you! I supped with you, Mrs. Leckie's de
parture for such accounts and descriptions that I have
had of her ^{be true} and I feel they must be her departure
would be greatly felt any where - but particularly so by you
all - I am really delighted dear Aunt, that you have
had Aunt Maria's picture copied - and am selfish
enough to wish it had been for me - If I ever get
to Philadelphia again, I will not return with
out the pictures of both, Uncle Ben, Aunt Maria
and yourself, and Sally's too if possible -
My Mother is particularly anxious to have my
miniature - so if Mr Brown will only come to
Kentucky I will set to him. Your trusting re
counts of Mrs Butler have excited great anxiety in
me, to cultivate her acquaintance, How truly pitiable
must the situation be! How charming a being be!
I saw a copy yesterday of her book of poems - but I had

time to overlook them, which I shall not fail to do
when another occasion offers. My Mother and my
self came in from the country that day, one week
ago. She on a visit to Cousin Anne, and looking
for house affairs and furniture. and I. have been
as busy as bee assisting a young friend, as well
as myself, to prepare for her wedding, that comes
off next week. The lady is Miss Gorton; and I am
to be one of the attendants. What a striking con-
trast there will be between our sites, she being con-
siderably smaller than Beechey and then, picture
to yourself, Aunt, Mary Nicholffe and four others
about her statue, except myself. Standing by her
side! She married a man, who is in equal dis-
proportion to her; but, I think in no other respect
could one find fault with him.

We have had a grand Fair; gotten up by our poor
Episcopal congregation, not being able to raise
the money among themselves. They called upon
the public to aid them in buying a new Organ!
They made to my great surprise, more than
eight hundred dollars. On 4th of July celebration
came off in magnificent style. This year
I went out to see the military encampment com-
monly called camp drill, where I saw upwards
of 60 thousand people. The very sight of such a

Tell dear Sara I hope she will sometime! think that Mary is still living. I hear M. Lee is to be stationed at New-Port. I suppose Lizzie will accompany him. I would like to show you Mr. Blair's queer letter as much as I should like to say many things to you that I cannot put on paper. Tell Uncle Sam I used to think he loved me well enough to write to me occasionally. I will write soon to dear Grace. The weather is so intensely hot that we can scarcely breathe. How is it with you?

Miriam says you told me that no one had ever mentioned the baby's name. So I have made hurriedly ship write it for herself. She is impatient, and I now suspect and is exceedingly good. Take her down daily. play with the boys who are getting more attached to her. My love to dear uncle, and Sara

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Mother to Margaret & Lucretia, is dead. I have been reading Dr. Dobbin's observations in Europe. I like it better than any modern book of the same kind. I have had a horrible attack of the same influenza that we had last year. only mine has been much worse. than I was then. My French and music have been suffering but after the accident I will try and be more industrious.