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My dear Aunt,

A variety of causes have prevented my replying to your charming letter, but amongst them, must not be numbered either want of love, or respect. My heart is full of both for you, and I trust that my failure to write you will never be set down to indifference, or lack of affection. I do not feel dear Aunt that I have any controul over the disposal of the copies of Miss Aquilas, Sabbath thoughts, which you have purchased from me by the permission of Mrs. Aquilas. When I first obtained permission to publish for private circulation the treasured and holy thoughts of the sainted author I had fixed upon twenty as the number I should want for my friends, but when the ^{mother} subsequently authorized me to dispose of to you so many copies as you might desire, I then ordered 100 copies printed; of these you purchased 37, and they are, of course, entirely at your disposal. If however you think that

my acquiescence is at all necessary, then I most cheerfully allow you to do with them as you deem best. So return to Aunt Mary my most grateful thanks for her kind note. I trust that she is restored to health, and that the God of Israel may long bless her children, and friends with the light of her love, and example.

Now with dear Aunt, so affectionately after my children, that I feel disposed to abandon my rule of never writing about them.

Grady is a fine, manly boy, who will cheerfully go alone into any part of the town, and when we say it is too far for you to go by yourself, he replies, I am not a baby now, I have begun to shed my teeth. So we allow him to go. I do not check him, for I would rather love his memory, than that he should live with one ~~crowd~~ drop of ^{coward} blood in his veins.

Bell, though with fire in her eye, is yet a sweet, gentle, docile child, loving, and loved by, all around her. She is her mother's constant companion, & takes kindly, & naturally, to the table, and habits of her sex.

My baby is fair, plump &

pretty - very lively and good tempered - to her parents she is a sweet bud of joy and hope.

Mrs. Moses with her children, left us a few days since under the care of Dr. Johnson of St. Louis. They made a most favorable impression upon my whole household. Miriam & I will soon be left alone, as my Mother, & Sister will be absent all summer. It is probable that Miriam may visit you in the fall for a few weeks. She will add a line, so adieu dear Aunt.

With love & respect

I am dear Aunt

Yrs. truly

Colonel Cochrane

Many thanks to you, my dear Aunt for your last sweet favor. It reached me only a day after Mary & her children left us, so she missed your kind messages. Their visit of ten days, was most pleasant to all of us, & my only regret was to find Mary's health so extremely delicate. She improved a little whilst she was with us & seemed to enjoy the climate exceedingly. I wish that she could have remained longer to recruit as she says that she had been sick all winter but she could.

not lose so good an opportunity of getting
home, as Dr Johnson afforded her. Both Betty
and Mary are very pretty, & look very much
like their Father. John is a fine, healthy
looking fellow. They will go entirely on
railroads & boats so that the journey will
not be very fatiguing, & expect to reach home
in seven days from here. I saw Dr Hays
& thought he looked very badly & much
changed. I was sorry to hear that dear
Aunt Hays & poor Isabella had been
so much indisposed. Give my love
to both of them when you go to see
them. The Doctor told me that you too
had a bad cold when he left you. I hope
that you are well again. Give Julia a
parting kiss for me. I wrote to Papa to
New York last week. My love to Horace &
Annie & for yourself dearest Aunt the devotion of
your own Minnie.