

Savannah April 19<sup>th</sup> 1837

My dearest Aunt.

Your sweet letter came to me yesterday as a messenger of peace & hope, for I had suffered such an agony of suspense for many days that I longed yet dreaded to receive tidings from our dear Sara. I most fervently trust now that poor little Malinda may recover, she was apparently the only delicate child of the little group, yet she must have a strong constitution to have gone thro' all that Sara described her to have suffered. I pray sweet darling Henry may be saved too, if it please God to bless him with a perfect cure!

My children send much love & many kisses  
to dear Aunt Becky.

This case must be a most distressing one  
& yet if there be water on the brain  
I scarcely think he could so long  
survive! How grateful we ought to  
feel that our loved one should be  
thus strengthened to bear such  
a lengthened succession of trials.  
Her fortitude must indeed be great  
to enable her to write to you whilst  
thus afflicted. I have again written  
to both Mr Joseph & Sara to beg  
them to come to us as soon as the  
Physician thinks they can by any  
possibility remove the dear Invalids.  
My heart yearns to be with Sara & share  
her fatigue, & yet my home duties  
require my presence, for Mother

with our Minister & his Sermons.  
I often wish dearest Aunt for you  
while listening to his spirit stirring  
beautiful Discourses. We deem  
ourselves most fortunate in possessing  
such a Preceptor to our children  
as well as such a clear & impressive  
exponader of the word of God. His  
Discourse yesterday upon the portion of  
Scripture for the day - "prescribing what  
should & what should not be eaten,"  
was the most conclusive & positive  
argument in favor of its absolute  
observance, that I have ever heard  
on the subject. Give my love & thanks  
to dear Grace for his last kind favor. My  
husband unites with me in love to you.  
Uncle Dr. Hunt says believe me ever in real  
Love to you our devoted Miniam - &c.

M. G. Coleman  
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