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My Dear Brother

I have just heard of an opportunity to Lexington which enables me to send you a Daguerrotype likeness taken from a miniature of our sister Rachel which I think you will be glad to have. This ingenious invention, has been a great source of pleasure to many in preserving the likenesses of distant friends - and as Fanny Moses is so soon to leave home she has been taking advantage of it and among others obtained one of her Mother.

I have often regretted that I did not take my miniature to Kentucky to show to Ann, particularly as her darling Mamma is said to look like her, and even a Mother's eye would not object to the resemblance to one so beautiful as was our sister. May she be as lovely in character also! Mary has a thousand little anecdotes to relate about her, very interesting and very true - indeed she brings you all so often before us, by her graphic description of the family circle that we feel drawn nearer to you - and almost impatient to see as well as hear of you.

Our father's health is improving since I wrote last
They were suffering with severe attacks of colic
which confined them to their beds - and as
strength does not return so rapidly to the aged
as at an earlier period of life, continued longer
invalids - our brothers are all well - they smoke
a great deal of clay, and she appears very
cheerful & contented - a great many of her old
friends have greeted her warmly - and she has
already joined a Musical Club of ^{Dorset} ~~Dorset~~ ^{Dorset}
Musicians. among whom she is spending this
evening - Mr. Joseph arrived yesterday - their
wedding will be private, and they leave immediately.
every arrival brings fresh & stirring
news from Europe - What ever good may come
in future from these revolutions - there seems
to be a fearful period of suffering & blood shed
to be gone through first - enough to make any
woman's heart recoil -

Give my love to dear Ann, and all my dear
nephews & nieces - and to Mrs. Threshley
to whom I owe many thanks for sending me
Mary's visit -

Wm. H. H. H.

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Lexington Ky

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