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My Dear Brother

I am sure you must be
anxious about us all at home, in this
season of affliction, and I come to tell
you how we all are. The Telegraph which
announced the death of our dear niece
Rosa, said that her remains would
arrive on the following day. It was her
last request that they should be interred
in Phil^a, but not interred to her Mother's
house, alas! it was the knowledge of her
Mother's illness that accelerated the fatal
tendency of her own disease. The Dr^l thought
in the weak state of his Mother's health
a shock might be dangerous - so up
to this time Sister does not know
the loss she has sustained. Poor Ellen
who is the most affectionate of Sisters
as well, as the most devoted of daughters
has borne herself admirably. She came

as soon as she heard of her mother's
illness, and had watched at her bed-
side night after night & through many
anxious days, when news of Rosa's ~~death~~
illness arrived, which was quickly follow-
ed by her death. The funeral moved
from the Drs from the removal of Charles
Dross with ^{the} remains, till the hour of its
removal, Ellen sat by her sister's coffin
in the agonized grief. But when all those
last offices were done she returned to
her post, and was straggled on, without
once betraying herself to her mother.

Sister is now considerably better, she
sits up a part of every day. her sight
& memory partially restored. her
character the benevolence. warm affec-
tions & religious fervor, strong and ever
predominant. scarcely a day passes that
she does not enquire, when we have heard
from you, always desiring, that her love
may be sent to you & Ann & the dear children
Yesterday the said Sister Anna's promise
letter had not yet arrived. her great
anxiety is to hear from Richmond.

and many kisses to the dear
little girls. When I heard last Anna was
very anxious about her sister Ella - I
hope her condition is improved.

Miss Williamson sent Annus Duffes
more than a fortnight ago I hope they
have been received.

It so save you a sick list in
one family - I am happy to say they
have all recovered to their usual
health - one brother sent you
their love. God bless you my own
dear Ben, believe me with devoted
love, your ever affectionate sister
Elizabeth

Thence is going to take Rosa Morelucie
home to Washington to night, on a visit
to her mother - who promises she or
Laura shall return to their Grand
mother - who is exceedingly attached
to you.
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