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My Dear Ben

Our Sister joins me in grateful acknowledgments for your generous present which, our brother Jo communicated to us from your letter received yesterday.

I have no words to express to you my dear brother, the feeling your ever affectionate consideration imparts. Happy for us, we have never known a want which our brothers have not been prompt to supply. Indeed I do not believe the possession of fortune, could compensate for such manifestations of your love. Our brother Jo is suffering with a cold. He has not

enjoyed this very severe
winter, he could not take
his usual exercise, nor
the succous wine, so agree-
able to his taste. but I hope
Spring will come at last
and bring its usual bless-
ings. The old women of the
family bear these changes
of weather with more for-
titude, perhaps because
they have no right to com-
plain of any infirmities that
are incident to years, and
are of more equable tempe-
rature. My man has been
well since the slight attack
of gout, and has recovered
his good looks. he never com-
plains of any thing, but
is affected by the want of

resting place - the temporal
expectation of being "gathered to
their Fathers, seems such a natural
desire that we feel a holy
wish to have it fulfilled for
those we love.

I have just had a visit from
my young friends the Motters
Sarah came to tell me of her
engagement to Mr Sutherland
of N.Y. he has written for the
consent of her Mother - Mr Butler
has sanctioned their wishes -
and I hope Mother & daughter
may again enjoy the happiness
of being together - give my best
love to Ann and the dear
children - did My man go to
the South? remember me affec-
tionately to him & Bernard
and believe me, ever my Dear-
est Ben, with devoted affection
Your attached sister R G