

Philadelphia June 24th

I hope my Dearest Ben my silence has not given you any anxiety about us, we have been quite well. and perhaps my greatly wish that you would join our larger family circle than we could expect might again be collected here, influenced me to put off from day to day writing to you - tho' you are ever in my thoughts, and while the misses were here often the subject of our loving discourse. Miriam & Mr. Cohen came & spent a day with us, last week the latter attended the Democratic convention at Baltimore, and stole away to give me the pleasure of a little visit. Dear Miriam looks in full health, and is the picture of contentment. no one can be happier in a domestic sense, or more grateful to the Almighty giver of all good, than she is, and truly Mr. Cohen generously repays her tenderness, and our great regard.

you may be assured my beloved brother, of my entire sympathy

in all your cares & anxieties about
the condition of your sons. Leary is
young and will soon recover energy
enough to begin a new business, and
the experience of his present difficulties
will teach him caution in his future
efforts. Howard & Hyman have such
strong inducements for exertion, that
they cannot fail to exercise their
talents industriously for the support
of their families. I hope Minerva &
her children have safely arrived
at her Father's, I wrote to her some
time ago, & also to Laura. I feel very
affectionately towards both of them.

We are at present a good deal
annoyed by the noise & confusion of
our neighbors improvements. Mr
Dickard is converting the house next
door into a store, which will place
a wall close to our steps, and so
shut the houses west of us in the row
are empty and liable to the like
change. We have put a bill of Sale
on our door.

more reconciled to the loss of his
child, and less anxious about Jo
since his last visit. He was on his
way to Texas, when they heard from
him last - Willie is at home, a can-
didate for new employment. we hope
to induce Sally to leave home for
a short time, to recruit her own
health, which has suffered fearfully
in the mental struggle she has
endured.

In the assurance my beloved Ben,
that you will come, when you
can conveniently, I rest satisfied
for I would not have you here at
a sacrifice to your home engagements
always loving you & trusting in
your love, about as well as when
together I remain fondly & devotedly
yours Affectionate Sister

Elizabeth

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