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I thank you my beloved Brother for the dear letter informing of your safe arrival at home. how welcome you must have been to poor Ann, who had to bear her sad trial alone. and yet I was glad you did not arrive while your house was the house of mourning. it would have been such a shock.

Death has had many victims of late among those we loved or were familiar with. but "Gods will be done" in giving and in taking away. offer my tender sympathy to Ann. she has great consolation in having ministered to the

departed through many
infirmities. I have not been
abroad since you left, but
my cold is fast disappearing
and if the weather were settled
think I might very safely
take outdoor exercise. Julia
is also free from Rheumatism
and down stairs, greatly to
Horace's comfort. Whose bachelor's
life was very lonely after you
left. Henry Etting is still abroad
so we know nothing of the doings
at Washington, in which our friends
are interested. Edwards' family
all well & the Drs much as you left
them. You must feel no more
anxiety about me, My Dear
Brother, your visit was a bless-
-ing for which I feel most
grateful. I hope your absence

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Have you a Photograph
for Sara Charters if so please
send her one, an application
come after your departure,