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Thelby Grate

My Dearest beloved Brother

I am full of gratitude
for the happiness your
visit afforded me - and for
your kindness in writing from
Cincinnati - My thoughts
have been with you - on your
journey - I mean with more
satisfaction with your
dear society - or appreciate
more lovingly the privilege
of having enjoyed it.

I trust in a very short
time we shall hear of your
safe arrival at home - and
that you found all the
dear ones there enjoying

Health - and made happy
by your presence

Tell dear Ann, how
much I enjoyed your
visit and how much I
wished she had been here
to have enjoyed & laughed
at - I am still in thought
a brave traveller & revisit
all the scenes in which
I have enjoyed the society
of my loved ones - no
infirmary besets my imagi-
nation and I travel about
as I used to live to do, in
times gone by - your dear
home is familiar to me and
is often the scene revisited
in my loving thoughts

Worcester & Merriam. I hope
[who is still with me, and
their love and prayers are
coming home. - the this is
the season I should most
delight in the coming of
the ingathering of fruits
& the ripening of vegetation
which crowns the year
and fills the heart with
gratitude.

Give much love to Mrs.
Sister Ann, and all the
dear girls & boys of your
family and believe me
always very beloved and
cherished brother. I am
devotedly attached and
grateful sister B. Gray
Sunday, 11th Sept 1864.