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Please give my love to Minerva - Sally & Mary - as I am writing you
no more, I am
Minerva
Sally
Mary

Your letter my Beloved Brother
reached me yesterday and gave me
great comfort. The hope of soon em-
bracing you, and your dear family
revives my spirit for every day my
thoughts, and sympathy dwell with
you, our sorrows are in common - but
your individual cares, and anxieties,
are no strangers to me. I meditate
on them, with a true sisters grief
and can only pray ^{the} burden may not
be too great to be borne with your
usual strength & philosophy. I thank
God for the blessings he has
bestowed on you, and trust a
way may be opened for your
children to retrieve their fortunes,
and reward you for all you have
done for them - by deferring to your

judgment & experience. as well as
on your affection. I hope Myra &
Laura have arrived safely at home.
The latter interested us very much
by her gentleness & intelligence.

Poor Minerva must feel sadly at
her separation from her Father, whose
fallen fortune, renders him still more
an object of anxious sympathy, but
she will no doubt feel Brooks's noble
brotherly kindness, & be grateful for it.
I hope her influence on Howard, will
urge him to manly exertions for their
future. I am glad to hear the children
are healthy. Give my love to all your
sons. I hear dear Cary has or soon will
resume his business.

My Darling Brother, I was quite shocked
at your proposal of lodging any
where but at home in Phil. - we can
accommodate you all. trusting the
dear sister & girls will be content with
what we can offer for their accommo-

Horace told you truly My dear
Ben, my health has been unimpaired
Aug. was passed more agreeably at home
than it could any where else by a
letter from Annam today I hear that
Sara Mordcau is wonderfully recovering
from her accident. & that Bucky is well.
The last steamer brought me a letter
from Mary Riggs, written in a much hap-
pier frame of mind than any previous
one - her children are her supreme happi-
ness, her greatest ambition for them she
says is to see them ^{I hear from others that she is a} good. She writes very
kindly of her husband and affection-
ately about you, to whom she says she
shall write very soon. I am sorry to hear
Mrs Thrashly is an invalid please give my
love to her. Horace sends his best love, Julia
is at Wisconsin with her brother. I sympathize
with you on the death of your old friend Mr
Wickliffe had he one child near to close his
eyes? God Bless you my precious Brother. B.R.

Reverend Mother