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My dear Ben

By the way you will receive 4 things
3 pair socks 2 silk & one madras neck & 2 towels.
I wish you would always send us a list of the
clothes you send home to wash, as the articles are
never so many as go down, and you no doubt lose them
by the carelessness or dishonesty of the porters, and as
you visit them send regularly every week it may be
of consequence to be particular. We are all well, Sally
I think rather better, not sufficiently so to flatter us
of a speedy recovery, but more comfortable to herself and
friends. The Rays are in New York, from whence their brother
has or is about to sail for France, and the Girls will
be here on Wednesday, and I suppose will depart
with our friend Adeline on Sunday next. I wish
you could manage to spend a few days at home
with them. Adeline says she hopes to see you again, and
indeed we all are very anxious for that pleasure. You
must feel this cold weather very acutely, and notwith-
standing all your assurances to the contrary must suffer
from it. I trust General Gaines will think proper to bring

you all home in time - that knitting business they talk
of will be very unpopular here - poor Lo was ordered
down to Fort Penn yesterday morning instead of going
as he designed to Washington, & our family is reduced
to four again - we expect the Kayses will stay with
us while in town, Adeline has fixed Abraham with your
friend Thompson to board, and he is to undergo an
examination of his studies to day preparatory to his
entering college, if he is not sufficiently advanced
they will place him in the grammar school of the
institution as he is dissatisfied at Grace -

Our sisters & Brothers all send you their love
and beg you will take good care of yourself -

Adieu My dear Brother.

May good angels guard your tent, and
bring you refreshing showers as heralds of the
chilling gales that shake your kinder covering
You are always remembered in the prayers
of your Affectionate Rg -

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