

Phila Sept 25th
 and 11. Nov.

It is long my Dearest Ben since we have heard from you or Ann and as you last mentioned the prevalence of a severe disease, my mind has dwelt with some anxiety about you - then come better thoughts that you are engaged in domestic enjoyment having dear Cary with you and all your children around you I pray that it may be surrounding comforts that has kept you silent.

I have had a very charming letter from Mary Riggs written in better spirits and saying she is in better health than at any time since her residence in Europe. She writes from Banges, where she had received great benefit from bathing & drinking the water. Her husband left her there, and went to Paris for the children, whom she seems delighted to

have again, after the long separation
they mean to spend the winter at Pau
where his brother Jo Riggs & family
are residing - and which Mary thinks
will suit her better than Paris.

I will send you the letter when I
have answered it - unless I am
soon to have the happiness of seeing
you my dear Brother - I want you to
see how we are fixed in space
that - it would not have been my
choice, but the best one short notice
allowed. The house is very large, and
requiring a good deal of repairing
and closet fixing - but I hope to day
we shall get rid of the sound of the
hammer. [To morrow your kitchen] all will
be quiet - and I trust the Tabernacle
will find me ready to add an ad-
ditional prayer of thanksgiving
for domestic comfort, among the bless-
ings of the Year. I was greatly favored

all your dear ones at home
and let me know how they are
all getting on - and if Camp is still
with you - Harriet & Frank Elting
returned home last week - and
after an early dinner Horace
and Frank have a business en-
gagement of which you will
soon hear about, from Horace -
he & Luke send much love to
you Ann & the girls - I suppose
school days have begun, and
your dear intelligent daughters
are as busy as bees - culing the
sweet reward of their industry.
May God bless them! and you
My beloved brother, believe me
Always your affectionate

B. Grant

My best love to Ann & tell
her I long for a letter.
How is Mr Foster?