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I thank you my dear Maria, for your agreeable letter from Wheeling - and trust you had no more fatigue in your homeward journey after you left that place - Mr. Poyall called to inform us that you had taken passage in a steam-bowl, and were thus enabled to avoid the bad roads of Ohio - this is really charming - then you & your little darling wife not have paid too dearly for the happiness you afforded us - and our dear Ben's rest was not disturbed by anxiety for to-morrow - and you are comfortably fixed at home again - recounting your adventures to Judith - and scarcely realising that you have accomplished so long a journey - whilst we miss you in every part of the house and every hour of the day - every visitor reminds us of our loss, and enquires how we can do without the baby, and tells us what a charming winter we should have had, if you had spent it with us - all which I feel, but get used to hear from people who care nothing about it - last night we had the first snow - & winter seems to have commenced with it - the wind prescures it aloud this morning - and the fur-clad belles trip merrily to church to welcome a new season & then how much they are indebted to other animals for the comfort & beauty of their appearance - by the by, it is not the belles alone who have borrowed this convenience - all the medical students have adopted ladies caps, and paraded the streets with Fur turbans and silver bands just like yours - add to this the Tartan-plaid, and you have the very picturesque costume of ^{our} Medical College - has Dr. Caldwell brought you any thing so elegant & decorative? and the poor Miss Hunts! what a sad disappointment they will be obliged to wearables, not withstanding

the tasteful articles you sent them - poor Rachel Cohen is grateful for your sympathies - she who told her love to every one who would listen to it - never tells her grief - but lets concealment prey on her pallid cheek. She scarcely speaks a word, its looking in the fire & broods over her disappointments as have we yet been able to prevail on her to go out of the house. tho' Maria Hays sent for her to apply a blister to her back, as a cure for deafness, which Rachel on other occasions was ever the first to object to.

Mr Moses has just brought me a letter from John Rogers announcing the death of his brother Abraham, the youngest of the brothers you saw here. he was three weeks ill of a disease of the brain - he says they have had a dreadful summer, but this calamity makes all others weigh as a feather in comparison - the book of destiny appears really to have been inverted to them, a few years ago, they were as prosperous and full of favors, as the patriarch Job, before Satan received a commission to prove his integrity - and now are almost as prostrate under trials.

do you remember the distress of mind we observed David Lippas was under the day we visited the Institution? he has been removed from his situation - the accusations brought against him for levities, (not crimes) were treated with I think undue severity. he has had enemies & prejudices recently at work against him. and the poor fellow has been sacrificed to them -

Mr Cleve the dumb teacher from Keelford has superseded him. I never was more shocked than when made acquainted with these circumstances, and all the Ladies of the Committee were equally ignorant, we think ourselves ill treated in not being made acquainted with what was going on - for I verily believe had we known something of the matter it might have been prevented. The Matron must have some turn to serve or has been deficient in her duty, at present very little is known, but of course the town is full of talk, and a

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