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I should be very thankful my dear sister, and very unsatisfied too if I did not answer your delightful letters promptly for then I should not be entitled to hope for more - and would define myself of the pleasure of telling you how rapidly the report of them circulated through the family, and brings me visitors from every house that they may all share my pleasure. The gentlemen were deficient of a whole page of your last but there was so much in the rest that they did not complain altho I have no doubt they burned with curiosity to see the whole - as to Joe, he always consoles himself by fancying he can guess the part withheld, and we rally him on his sagacity and beg he will exercise it in behalf of all. However I do not find him willing to omit a single line of that which he may be indulged with. Mr Cowen has not yet appeared and as the Post mark indicates that he has stopped at the Dublin stage, suppose we shall not see him this season, which I regret on his own account, as well as for the love I bear his sweet little wife.

I thank you my dear sister for the pleasure you have procured me in Swellies interesting book - I laid it aside to day for the Commentaries of Jeremiah & the book of Job, but shall resume it tomorrow with no diminished relish, from having commenced with these holy men. I always feel a keener interest in Jeremiah on the anniversary of the captivity he so eloquently mourns, and Jobs admonitions we never out of season nor his example unpersuadable. poor Mad^e D'Orbal is just now called to the exercise of patience on a subject so singular, that I think you will sympathize with her - she is succeeding very well here, and intends making Phil^e her permanent residence, but being very lonely has determined to adopt a little orphan girl, to educate & bring up as a daughter. This sent out to the asylum and placed her affections on a child of about seven years old, supposing it would be gradually extinguished by the motion without further trouble - but the age at which they are bound

oul is twelve - and the authority is vested in the board of managers
to make an exception in her favor. Mr. Vaghest accordingly
under took her business, called on several of the ladies, and brought
a letter to be laid before the board. but on the day of meeting it rained
many were out of town, and Mrs. Williams fearful of a failure - request-
ed that it might be postponed until next month. Mad. D.C. called
on me the day after to hear the decision - and poured out her disappoint-
ment so eloquently, that her interpreter (Miriam) caught the spirit of her
complains, and has made quite a party in her cause. She bitterly
bemoans her hard fate, that she has nothing to love - nothing to bestow
her affections on in her lonely exile. She is passionately fond of children
but never had one of her own, and wishes to bestow a mother's love
on a poor little creature who has lost the tender care of her parent-
since really she is so pretty & so earnest, that I wish most heartily she
could have been indulged without delay. Mrs. Fisher who is the President
is all the there, and your friend Elizabeth is with her. She is not yet
married, but appears very happy, and having so agreeable a home
one hardly wishes to see her change it. I rather suppose from her
having no suitors, that she is engaged to Mr. Read, who is still absent.
Your friend Dr. Dudley dined with us on Wednesday - he is so much
engaged with professional men & philosophers that we have seen
but little of him. Iae dined with him at Mr. Williams' but there
too he had a D.C. at his elbow. When he next makes me a visit
I will try to find out whether he would like to become acquainted
with some ladies. for we have a score of belles in the neighbor-
hood - and one or two who have some pretensions to science & the arts.
I paid a visit the other day and was immediately presented
with a great box of drawings, where bugs & caterpillars & butterflies
crawl over the paper in perfection. they were the production of a young
adult - and his lucky patron desisted so late as that I was

in his picture of Phil^a - but I am glad My dear sister, he will be
 at home to amuse & comfort you when you require his presence and as
 my dear Ben encourages the hope of seeing you all here before winter I shall
 cherish it with as much confidence as we are permitted to indulge our
 wishes in ~~these~~ in this uncertain state - (The children are claiming my
 promise to take them to see the Solar Microscope - when they expect to see
 squirrels skipping from branch to branch on the fusse of a peach - and make
 humming evolutions on the surface of a fig - Adieu My beloved sister embrace
 all the dear Boys for me, and tell My brother how devotedly I am his & your
 affectionate Sister

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