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I am greatly concerned my dear sister to
 hear of one beautiful baby's misfortune. I was afraid
 you had some cause for your long silence but did not
 think of such a sad one - poor little fellow how soon his
 holiday pleasures were converted into pain & sorrow but
 I hope he is restored to light before this, and that all
 dangers of his eyes & limbs are passed away -
 we are constantly reminded my dear sister by how
 frail a tenure we hold the blessings of this life, and
 how every day we enlarge their loss by our own acts
 and in pursuit of our own amusements - a dear little
 boy lost his life in our streets about a fortnight ago
 who had just left home with his brother, changing
 their sled on the ice. his foot slipped and he fell under
 under the wheel of a wood cart which passed directly over
 his neck. His brother ran home with the news - and his
 poor Mother ^{came} ~~came~~ to the spot, to be carried home from the
 with the body of her bleeding child - she is a delicate
 little woman, "whom the wounds of heaven were not
 permitted to visit too severely," and might be expected
 to fall a victim to this calamity - were it not that
 her beloved widowed Mother is very ill, and holds out
 a notice for exertion. Thus the apprehension of a coming
 evil enables her to bear that which is inevitable. May
 God enable her to wrestle with & overcome her grief for
 she has several children still dependent on her
 care -

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we are all very much interested for Julia Wright, who you
may remember came to see Isaac in Lexington, and was a school
- fellow of hers - her mother brought her back ^{in the fall} to finish her edu-
- cation with Mrs Lefevre, and returned to New Orleans, where both
she & her husband died, within a few weeks of each other.
Julia was sadly disheveled to hear of her Father's death, and the
still severer loss has not been communicated - indeed until
yesterday Mrs S. received no direct intelligence of Mrs W's depar-
- ture, altho other letters were in town stating the event.

I wrote last week giving you all the family news. Since
which nothing has occurred, except a great appearance
of sincerity in Simon's determination to settle accounts -
both God & man think him in earnest. Isaac is in Koblenz
and in due time will be notified to return to take his part
in bringing it to a close, if this great bone of contention is
broken, we shall anticipate our dear Ben's next visit with
unmixed pleasure. For his last, was a perpetual struggle
of harassing & ineffectual efforts, and if no other benefit
were to be derived to this portion of the family, than the end
of ~~intense~~ ^{of} ~~our~~ brotherly feelings, it would still be a blessing
& consolation to me, the morality of my prince's career
"where sisters dwell & brothers meet"

Quarrels should never come" has left a strong &
unaffaceable impression on my mind & heart, and
I never recast to the state of feeling which has grown up
between Simon and the rest of the family without the keenest
sorrow & regret. Our Parental home was the scene of harmony
and love - & respect for Simon grew up in the younger
members of the house, almost as naturally as if he were
to succeed to our Father's authority. When unhappily that Parent
was incapable from disease, to retain his station as head.

I am quite in love with my dear Bernard's affectionate care of his little brother. he has the most patient, self sacrificing disposition I ever saw in a boy so young. girls more frequently exhibit these engaging qualities - but this shall be recorded among Bernard's virtues. our dear Howard & Hyman have feeling hearts too, and I hope will learn, in the pity they feel for Larry to be careful of getting into the like danger. that they may spare their mother from such dishepping alarms. The parents of men-children must arm them selves with fortitude - so many dangers beset their youth, first in their sports - and then in the active pursuits of life they have so many hair breasting scares by field & flood. "that will

Proby there's thanks to you for your kind warning - the is well. My love - Marshall, Henry & Caroline. Caroline is here & reads his to you all. He is happy and is making a clever boy - Please keep you wife & the kids here to let his education - he wants to out do Larry's accident. indeed we all look with interest of him constantly - I wish Bernard met both & wrote him

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not the watchful eye of Providence fixed on their path, and his protecting arm out stretched to ^{guard} ~~protect~~ them. there would be no comfort in revealing them forth, to win their way through life. May God bless your Boys, my love, and guide them safely, and virtuously and bravely, and may they feel & acknowledge their dependence on Him and reward their beloved Parents for all they receive at their hands all here unite in kindest love, with warm affectionate sisterly regards