

April 30th 1837.

I follow your good rule my dear Sister on this occasion
the rather because I am sure you will be anxious to hear that
our Brother Jo is no worse - and I do wish it were in my power to tell
you that he is better - some days he is so flattered and the
next he retrogates again - but his patience is not exhausted
and as he does not appear to suffer I still hope repose
and slender diet will at length prevail - he is cheerful
richer when he has company to laugh or talk with him -
and is wonderfully composed about money matters - which
seem to agitate all the mercantile world. I hope with you
I believe he is safe with regard to his own situation - tho' do
not doubt he will be a poorer man from all the workings
of the complicated machine which involves the whole
business community - I am glad our other brothers are out
of trade, for they have less forethought & discretion than Jo, and
could not have prepared for the storm - Hugman left us
on Friday for his southern tour, I hope he may find it possible
to come home through Kentucky tho' he would be but a short
time with you it would be a comfort to have had even a
day in your house - and then perhaps you would take the
opportunity of paying the visit you told Minnie off and which
she is anticipating with so much pleasure - and Horace too
has gone from me - this is a trial I will not attempt to speak
of - your own heart can tell you it was not merely parting with
him, for I looked forward with pleasure to the hope of his entering
on a respectable profession with a reasonable prospect of success -
but then our relations seems changed - the tender cord of child
hood is stretched & strengthened - when we meet again he will feel
like a man who has labored for himself - and with all the

confidence & exultation I may feel in his advancement. Still the
change is painful. Will you ever have such foolish yearnings? Perhaps
not, for you have many sons and have thought more & arranged your
plans with better help. But after all we must leave the event to God!
and there is comfort in that thought and to my dear Sister, in his hands
I entrust my beloved Horace, and feel that his own Mother could do no
better. Your letter was full of interesting matter, and but that you told
me your own health was not good, I should be satisfied with all the
other details of affairs in which your previous communication had
aroused my interest. I hope you are careful of your self, and treat
your heart as if it was a part of your body worthy of physical attention.
The fact is when one is cautioned to take care of their hearts, that
organ is considered only ~~as~~ in relation to its intellectual connections its
sentiments & feelings & aspirations. and the flesh part of it is considered
~~to~~ ~~prose~~ no, is forgotten altogether. until painful experience tells
that it has a local habitation as liable to disease as any other
part of our frame - now dear Sister the sensibility of your heart must
not be neglected, and as it requires some attention from your other
members, pray try to remember that it requires a quiet neighborhood
and do nothing to disturb it. you have told me from your scripture
that "nothing that goeth into the mouth defileth" (spiritually) but you
know that it may harm physically, and therefore abstain from harmful
food. I am prepared to preach experimentally, as I have just been
released from a bed of suffering, from the effects of being too laborious
during the feast of Passover. I acquiesce entirely in your opinion
of the Larners - they are equally criminal, but I think rather worse of
the man - for he adds means & treasure to his guilt - pray what will become
of the children? must they be reared into another generation of vipers, by such
parents? it is a pity the state could not provide in such cases, for its future
interests. I am glad Pennsylvania will be re-organized, and I hope on
social principles. I wish you had a Professorship for one nephew George
he is a young assiduous, working hard for reputation - I never had respect
for DeBaldwell, and only wondered under the weight of his sins he could sustain
himself in your society - may her comes on Deborah Coit & his pretty daug-
hters? is your Clapham department the same as when we were in Lexington
I am much pleased at the figures our boys make in the ball room
your is a passport to favor, and by no means to be neglected. Horace
will never do to send to France, for he could not lead a Lady out
to dance, or support her thro the mazes of a waltz.

in a merchants clerk, in the house of Robert Steele, but of his worldly fortune I expect not much can be said - however youth and love is a good beginning - He is in full practice & making money - The Cohens always enquire about you - they are in a comfortable house now and look better - the Beechys situation is not improved Miss Pelevs bade me say she was still living on your promise, but Mrs Grath forgot to inform it - she has recovered her spirits & health may do not mind how you tell your thoughts - they are always eloquent to me - so they come often enough -

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Philadelphia
May 7
1841
Miss Margaretta Smith
Leaving for
N.Y.



When I see Gustave Wendell I will tell her your kind message both her married sisters are here, Sarah received a letter from her friend Mary Devereux this morning informing her that she was to be married immediately to Charles Ogden of Mobile, we expected her here with her mother to arrange their affairs for a final remove but she has altered her plans and Mrs D. will come alone. She is a most amiable girl & Sarah is greatly attached to her I hope she has made a good choice - Mr Ogden is a merchant