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My Dear Sister

Immediately on the receipt of your letter I wrote to Mr Church, and have just received her answer saying that she has three vacancies, and will be most happy to have your little friend under her charge. I perfectly concur with you in opinion that this is the most eligible situation for Miss Boswell - indeed I think it the most desirable family a girl can be placed in, who is separated from her own home, for while there education is properly attended to, their affections are cultivated by those little domestic attentions and sympathies so indispensable in female intercourse. Mrs Church & her sisters take such an interest in their pupils' happiness that they seem like members of one family. and if you inform them what particular branches of accomplishments & you wish Mary to cultivate they will no doubt be influenced in the direction of her studies accordingly. Mr Church is at present in Europe, the death of his mother made it necessary for him to go, she has left to his son Joachim, all the property she could dispose of in her own right - but this good fortune to her child makes no difference in Caroline's plans. it much better some years before any arrangements can take place in his behalf - and she is determined to achieve her independence, and support her family by the means she has found so satisfactory & successful, and for which she is well calculated.

you were right my sister in saying Mary that she may depend on my affectionate interest, to do all that she may require of a friend here, and to introduce her to the kindest attentions of her instructors. and any hints you may send from her medical adviser will be acceptable. - Frank Jones is about leaving Bordentown to seek his fortunes in your western world, his wife & child are at present in Phila. - I think his predilections are in favor of St Louis - but he cannot decide until he makes a survey - he is adrift - "the world shall be my port, but he has a most excellent discernment before him where to choose & Providence his guide." - we wife and a lovely boy - which will make my home happy to him where he can procure the means of living comfortably & I believe he is fully capable of making a reputation in his profession -

I am sure you will be glad to hear that our brothers have recovered, - I have been out for the last week - after more than a months confinement on his bed, and I am surprised to see how rapidly he is gaining strength and getting back his complexion - He is still then and obliged to be very careful, but is well again, and all the rest of the family except our good Brother Elting enjoy health - but our ~~young~~ ^{son} is very feeble and rapidly descending into the vale of years. we consider him very fragile and watch him with much anxiety. a recent attack of asthma has shaken his frame in an alarming manner - and tho it has passed over, the effects are too evident, not to warn us that the time may be approaching when we shall again be smitten through one we love & honor - our sister has suffered much, but is patient, & hopeful - Rebecca has her daughters & their families with her for the present - and will go to Baltimore when they leave, that she may nurse Ellen through her confinement & which after her frequent disappointments I shall be inclined to look to with some apprehensions

as I have no time to write another before the Tabernacle
commences - and I want you to be in possession of this
by the earliest conveyance - accept our sister's love - dear
Mavis, and offer mine to Saca Bodley & her mother and
to all my Lexington friends - God Bless you my dear sister
and grant to you & my dear Ben, every thing your hearts
desire, for your children and for the continuance of your
mutual happiness - ever believe in the love of your devoted
sister K. G. -

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