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It is unless my dear Frank, to be always complain-
ing of the burden of cares which we are allotted to carry in
our journey through life. I believe if the experiment were practica-
ble we should find, as the Spectator affirms, that however
the nature or quality of our trials differ, we should find ourselves
equally uncomfortable under the weight of another load as that
which is appointed for ourselves - and since we needs must bear

"Enduring patience makes the burden ^{light} -

no other alleviation has taken place in the affairs of our
family concerns and yet I do not feel so unhappy as I
did a few weeks ago - and I beg you not to permit your tranqui-
lity to be too much interrupted, your sympathy is indeed grateful
to our hearts, we know you & our dear Ben partake of all that
affects us, but we must not permit your peace or prospects
to be overclouded, by the gloom which at present envelope
us - Dr Caldwell paid us a long visit this morning, and
tho' I trembled for my literary reputation on his entrance - I
was pretty well satisfied, that the Dr was too much occupied
in his own oratory to be a critic, and have no doubt he
considered me a good listener, he has fortunately got into
a situation, to display his conversational talents to a distingui-
shed audience, at Miss Boyds, where there is a brilliant circle
of fashionables - and among them a literary Lady, Miss Noel

of Seabrook - who has written two books - is very beautiful & accomplished - and just enough of an invalid to excite interest, and sanction any display of eccentricity her caprice or genius may direct. She does not seem much disposed to admire the changes in his native city. He criticised the drama and disapproved the Accade, but I assure you notwithstanding my dear sister, you would be astonished & pleased with the many & very beautiful ranges of new buildings which improve one's heart and I hope notwithstanding all our troubles I shall ere very long have the happiness of showing them to you - how you delight me, by your description of my nephews - sweet Howard! I often think of the dear little fellows growing love for me. I long to see my man who is just at the most interesting age. Grath & Bernard are ever before me - a thousand agreeable recollections are rehearsed by the children daily - some one looks like them - speaks like them or does something just like them - Sarah brought me a letter on her state this evening addressed to Grath - she & Horace frequently compose epistles to him tho' the latter can only follow Madame de Sevigne's plan of copying printed characters so badly that it is difficult to decipher them - but as it keeps up an intercourse in their minds with their dear little cousins, I am pleased to encourage it -

Sister Mary has recovered her spirits and they are all well - they are going to move next week into a house in eleventh street near Walnut, at no great distance from Sister Etting - as to Etting's prospects I believe she has received no intimation of a change. She has need of hope, faith & charity in the exercise of which if her love endures it will come near to that divine spirit which sustains saints & martyrs. Minnie Etting has gone to pass the summer in Baltimore & Edward goes in a few days to Bellefonte where he will probably be fixed.

I am already in possession of, but his own interests may be promoted very considerably by his being on the spot, which this has a feather in the scale, where so much happiness is to be reaped, his own, if possible & he gets your consent, makes an effort & try what may grow out of his future interest. I well know that I have demanded of him a great deal, to leave a father who cherishes his happiness on the such a fidelity, & children who are cherished with tenderness & parental anxiety, as a sacrifice of no ordinary kind, & I could not reconcile myself to, ^{leave} it, until every other avenue had been unsuccessfully attempted. You will therefore absolve me from any imputations of cruelty & inconsistency. I leave most anxiously for the time to come when we shall talk over these affairs ~~and~~ "en passant," for I

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afraid you, though you may not occupy many of those valued moments, or interrupt more agreeable conversations, you will just glance at them as the fortunate mariner looks at the frightful rocks ~~and~~ with which his bark has been in contact & escaped from, and around them is safe & sound, whilst he pursues his career, until an instant of their danger exists only in his recollection, God will have you in his immediate charge, your happiness & the prosperity of your troop of boys, is one of the first wishes of the heart of your sincere brother Jac.