

This is the first glad day I have passed my dear Sister since your departure. for it has brought me your charming letter from Pittsburgh. telling how pleasantly you have passed over the most beautiful part of your journey - that your dear Children have suffered no little. behaved so well and entertained you so agreeably. and it has made me tell me, what I felt every day, and prize beyond all price. that you love me - I shall not tell you how sad and solitary I have been without you or how I have striven by active occupation to drive away vain regrets. but I am afraid I succeeded badly for so told me the other day at dinner, that I had better have gone with you to Kentucky & returned with Joe. now I had not uttered a complaint and so conclude I must have looked forlorn indeed I have been so happy and am so full of gratitude to you and my dear Ben for coming with all your treasures, and leaving me such a heart full of tender & agreeable recollections that I do not know how I can seem otherwise than contented. on Tuesday evening we had the pleasure of welcoming your Montgomery. he presented his father's letter with such an expressive smile, that he quite won me, and we became sociable before he had been long one else of the family. he stays with us until tomorrow, and Frank has taken upon him self the charge of showing him the lions. he availed very opportunely to put him in good humor with a soldiers parade life - as the hospitality of the citizens is in full exercise on the Boston Hook. tell Howard, Emma Hooker has sent for Montgomery to introduce him to her brother at W. Point

and that he gained so many of the young ladies' hearts, that they are disposed to like his cousin for his sake.

If I could only tell you all the gratifying things I hear about you - and the sympathy your friends express for my deficiencies, I should leave room for nothing else. Miss Pelous is foremost, and so sincere an adviser, that it would be unjust not to make her an exception. She called on Wednesday morning to make an engagement for the evening and took me to hear some good music, in return for which I was to send her the first information about you, and she talked of you so sensibly & so justly, that I like her better than ever, and think it likely I shall lose nothing in her estimation for I can listen with unintermitting pleasure as long as she continues on that theme, but I promised to read her some of your letters in consideration of the infirmity in her optic which deprives her of the delight she should have had in requesting your correspondence. Mr. Jolly too - you have made him wish to take a summer tour over the mountains - I paid him my last visit on Friday, and next week he commences his journey. I hope you will be satisfied with his labors. I cannot judge of its success but I am sure he is very glad to get done with me - Montgomery is charmed to find so fair & faithful a representation of you, and thinks I ought to be happy having you always smiling before me - but it is in the soul speaking eye I love to look, and fancy a sympathy in what ever may be most interesting to me at the moment - that abstracted look is certainly most favorable to a picture, it is so intellectual and to you so habitual, and I have so often read in it unutterable thoughts & feelings, and responded to them, that I have acquired a new species

happy together - but it is time to send my letter to the
You - give my best love to my two dear Brothers embrace the
dearly beloved children and accept my darling sister the
deepest affection of your own Pety

Sunday Morning June 12th

our sisters & brothers send their
tenderest love

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