

My Dear Maria

Agnes has just told me of an opportunity to Sedgwick and tho' it is a very warm afternoon and I have nothing very well worth sending so far. I cannot for the life of me, let it pass without saluting you with an affectionate greeting if it be only to say God bless you. and this I do say mentally every day. and I think of all the pleasant times we have recently spent together. and look on your sweet picture which seems to be meditating on some such thing as used to light up your countenance when we sat in social converse before the winter fire. Mrs Barry came to see me on Saturday. She looked at your portrait & said it only wanted a voice to be your very self - the good lady talked very pleasantly for some time, and on my enquiring if she could give any tidings of your sister, said she would write to Mr Barry, to mention Mr Blair when he wrote, and would let me know where & how she is. but I have written twice myself to Mr Blair, which he may think very troublesome. Henry Etting reached an introduction, and fearing he might arrive before he could hear from you I forwarded a letter to that effect. Montague is gaining favor with the Cadets. Sturges has been here on a visit, and says he has become very much attached to him - for his amiable & agreeable character. The girls were greatly surprised by the news of Caroline Frazer's marriage to Murat on Wednesday last. Becky received a note from her sister Jane written at the bride's request to inform her how it happened and excuses for not attending her - she says it was expedient to have it

attached private - they rode over to Trenton, and were married
in the Episcopal Church by Dr Beasley at 8 o'clock in the morning
returned to breakfast and after a few hours, set out on a
journey to New York & the Black river - the Count did not
give his consent to the marriage, but he received his niece
amicably when the knot was tied - and the charming Caroline
has reached the height of her ambition - it has been a long
attachment - but whether the French Prince will make an
American his band is the question, about which wise men
shake their heads - he has a farm about 2 miles from Mount
Bonere, and sits daily at the Counts table - your interesting
little Madame Lacie will gain a companion at the Palace
at any rate, and the Fishers seem quite satisfied for the
good prospect of their darling I wish them every happiness
they are an excellent family and deserve it -

Dr Dehannett was but a few days absent - he returned at
the end of the week not satisfied that he had done all that might
be achieved by an ardent lover - he called at Mr Etting - Minna
did not appear during his visit - and he has given up the
pursuit - he inflicts his company on the girls every day
who I suppose will be very glad when he gets over his disap-
pointment - or takes his departure - nothing can be more
irksome than the sadness occasioned by such conduct. particu-
larly when so elaborately detailed and repeated as now.
Aunt Belle has been very sick again with an inflamed eye.
Minna, Moses & myself are the only visitors out of the family. They
have offended the old lady - but the old lady always engages kindly
for you when she was concerned for our dear little Key man -
Dr Black's account of him was very agreeable - I hope he is
quite well by this time, and will receive a kiss from his Aunt

reached us we were going on admirably well. it will be necessary
for greater exertions to be made to regain what has been lost by
Kentucky — it is so long since we had tidings from you
that we feel anxious to hear you are all well and that
my namesake is recovering — tender to him and all my
best affection and love, with a large portion to yourself
& husband —
Your Mother *H. Gratz*

Brother's friend

Leavitt
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Miss Margaret Gratz

our sister Rebecca has left me a letter room today
Old Kentucky has disappointed her friends on this side the mountains we
expected a different result in her election, had she been true to herself and
given a majority of blue numbers to Congress it would have had a
great effect upon the election in our state, many who were
wavering would have joined us at once, they are still undecided
and looking out for the strongest side — we are doing all we can
to withdraw our state from Jackson — and if we can succeed
blue must be the candidate of Penn^a. until your returns