

It grieves me my dear Maria to find by your letter to
 Sister Mary, that you were not in health and that you had some
 thoughts of quitting home in pursuit of that blessing: if such
 is still the case my sweet sister, would it not be best for you
 to come to us. I am sure a separation from your little boys would
 be a source of so much continual anxiety that what ever
 good you might derive from the change by day, would be undone
 by watchful nights & ruminations of maternal solicitude, whereas
 if you would bring them all here, I would take care of them for
 you, and give you every other comfort in my power, and if my
 dear Ben must be absent from his factory perhaps he could
 do something to forward his interest, besides being with his family,
 as yet our winter has not commenced. the river is high and the
 roads not bad. when you are here you know the boys could go to
 school, and I really believe you would be as much charmed
 with Phil^a as the beautiful Miss Marshall is. for assuredly you
 would bring as much into its circles to charm as she has. it is
 true her bright Face and amiable manners, are as attractive
 and engaging as was anticipated, and she has not disappoint-
 ed the high raised expectations of our fastidious citizens, but
 then it is not beauty alone that has claims even when accom-
 -panied with so much youth & loveliness, and I have a most
 earnest desire of giving you a winters res^{idence}, particularly as
 I am in hopes you would derive benefit from the experiment
 but then I do not wish you to come alone - the dear little boys
 would be such an enlivening addition to our domestic party. we
 have a little room just fit to banish them into, where Noah
 & Horace study or play when we do not want their company
 and when they would be as merry as you could desire without
 hearing too much of their noise. then Boston row is very pleasant

a pretty good neighborhood, one our girls next door and one sister
at far off - you would make our brothers so cheerful & contented
that I verily believe, while I invite you, with a view to your own
benefit, that I am purposing what would more of all contribute
to my own happiness and this to your charitable disposition is perhaps
as persuasive an argument as I could use.

Well - "the long agony is over" with our dear Ellen, and a long
life of happiness will I trust come to repay the trial, she bore so
patiently - the wedding was a very pleasant one - her new papa
seemed truly grateful and the same love was hers ported
into an enthusiastic groom - he really never appeared to so
much advantage here - and Ellen writes in such delighted terms
of his consequence at home - and the high estimation he holds
in the community of Ball^u that if we had not already seen
how ardently she loved him for his own sake we might suppose her
kindle elated by finding him of so much estimation in the eyes
of the public - our sister bears her loss much better than was expec-
ted, indeed her spirit is revived by the fulfilment of one
daughter's happiness - and I have not seen her so cheerful for
many years. the only invalid in the family is our poor cousin
Rachel Cohen, whose situation does not improve - her disease was
rheumatism of the muscles and it is nearly five months
since she has been confined to her bed - the greater part of the time
in extreme suffering - I am very much afraid her constitution
will sink under it, altho' none of those alarming symptoms which
so fatally attended our friend Meriweth's attack are yet discernable
how sad her life has been one of severe trial without sufficient
energy to overcome an unhappy attachment and too much confidence
in the faith of one who did not deserve it - she pinched away the
years of youth and now that her domestic usefulness had opened
a new series of enjoyment for her - she is a victim to disease -

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