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January 29 1844

The New Year came in very sorely to me, my Dear Sister Anna, tho I have great cause to be grateful, that the result of my accident has been so harmless. I had been reading in my chamber and just after the midnight hour struck. laid down my book, intending to go to bed. When I tripped over a rocking chair on which Sara was sitting, and fell. My face was struck with great force against a board robe and bruised so badly that I have been up to this time greatly disfigured, and suffering much pain from the slightest touch. The muscles of my neck were also sprained, and for some hours extremely painful but it has all passed away except the sense of divine goodness in preserving me from greater ill, from an accident which appeared so dangerous - "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" is constantly verified by our experience, literally as well as morally, and perhaps never more impressively than when the ordinary circumstances of security are interrupted by unforeseen accidents - I hope I shall not appear presumptuous to you as I know I should to many people, by believing that a kind Providence is employed "in all the good & ill that the quester life" and when we feel it extended for our benefit, may be humbly grateful, not vain of the special case - a human parent has a special case, for each of their offspring - then surely

heavenly Father may, may does extend his
mercy over all he has created - and without his
care, we cannot walk safely across one chamber,
under it, may tumult the tempestuous ocean
and tread the decaying forest -

I am much obliged to you, Dear Ann, for the
picture of home you have sketched, there is nothing
I more desire than the domestic happiness
of my Dear Brother's family - his children are
all dear to me, and in witnessing their affection, you
increase my gratitude. I am glad to hear such
favorable accounts of Howard. I hope he will do
justice to himself, if he studies, he will no doubt
succeed, for he has talents that have not been suf-
ficiently exercised & improved. poor Newcomb's
Blair has met with a sad affliction. in the sudden
death of his wife. we had letters from Dr. Newes
mentioning it. she has not been in good health
I believe for some time. Mary Jones has also been
ill, but was recovering when the Dr. wrote it appears
that the autumn & winter has been sickly very
extensively in our cities, but I hope since the
cold dry weather has commenced, it may have
a salutary effect. The last four days has been
so cold as to fill our rivers with ice and com-
pletely stop the navigation for a time.

Reminded your friend Charles Bodley paid us a
visit on Friday - he has gone to N. York, he gave me
an animated account of my Lexington friends

you need never apologize for writing long letters
to me, as I feel flattered by the kindness that dic-
tates them and entertained by the agreeable matter
they contain - and am sorry to return you such a
dull sheet in exchange. Will you have the kindness
to present my regards to Miss Edweller & Mr Devels - and
believe me with sincere wishes for your happiness, my
Dear Sister Ann, affectionately yrs R.G.

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Lexington Ky



29 Jan 1845
Miss Wright