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I thought of your charming remembrance
 letter and felt that you did not know
 how much pleasure it had given me and
 how grateful I was for it. Then came dear
 Ben's letter, and this ~~was~~ so rare a blessing
 that I could not resist writing to him more
 steadily notwithstanding my indisposition
 to you, and since my recovery all the
 strength I have has been used in daily
 visits to our bereaved sister. We do not
 think the death of our dear venerable
 brother an evil for he prayed for it as
 a blessing. His spirit was weary of impu-
 timent in its worn out tenement and
 he longed to be at rest, but his place is
 vacant, and the faithful loving companion
 of more than half a century is so mis-
 sed by our sister that she sits as one amazed
 how she can live without him. And poor
 Isabelle who was moving around him ever
 and anon, in her intervals of ease says
 her occupation is gone and the morose Neal
 she can never do any thing more for her
 dear Father -

These will my dear sister Ann remember you have these before here
 your so believe me both fully you affectionate
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our letters from Laca show that she has her con-
tent so absolute, "it would be unkind to regret
her change. her husband's family are very agree-
able to her, his mother affectionate & cordial in
her reception, his sisters pleasant companions,
she likes driving about the country, and visiting
all places which exhibit to her the customs &
manners of the old Canadians, the French
population particularly amuse her, with their
primitive costume, and proud defiance of
their feudal rulers. She has been invited
to hospitalities which being in mourning she
could not partake of. but from sociable visiting
seems to have formed a pleasing impression
of society in Montreal. being a military station
they have fine bands of music, of which you
know she is very fond. They have not yet gone
to house-keeping, but have private apartment
in a hotel, among her accommodations she
designates one "Marry's room" having three apart-
ments, private entrance & table. When she becomes
better acquainted with the country & people
she will begin to feel a desire for a more per-
manent home establishment. I think Mary Deen
Marry's society has been a great comfort to me
and she seems very happy. tho' I am sure she

friends take the result of the Convention, and ~~see~~
does the Sage him self bear it? I am mortified for
him, that he did not, in the full strength of his
triumphant personal popularity, while the
whole country were turning out to do him honor
decline being a candidate for public office.
Then had his political friends perceived &
given him their nomination, his feelings would
have been spared from mortification, & perhaps
his chance been even better than it stood when
the Convention met. The Whigs would no doubt
have preferred Mr. Clay, tho' they thought that
Gen. Taylor would be more likely to succeed,
and they could not risk another loss for an admin-
-istration. Military titles seem the only qualification
looked for in President making. I do not like your
kicking Mr. Crittenden out of the Senate, and seeking
a duelist in his place. There seems some thing very
inconsistent in putting a law breaker, in the place
of a law maker, and disguise it, as they will by
any code of nominal honor. The duelist is a Mur-
-derer, and God has denounced that crime
as unpardonable - "ye shall ^{not} take the piece
of blood." The end of my paper warns me to have
done. Give Darling, Minnie & Anne kisses from
for me, and love to Capt & So, my truest regards but
I suppose you will soon make men of them. Our
dear love also to Dear Ben. in which Mary sends
thine. She will thank you to tell when your box is
received and desires me to send her best love to you