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Yes My Dear Anna I can duly appreciate your benevolence in consenting to the departure of your husband for he has just bidden us adieu. after the short sweet visit for which we are indebted to your kind acquiescence. he has left one bright hope to cheer us. the promise of bringing you & the children to see us next summer. his appearance among us, was as unexpected as it was joyful, and tho' it is passed, his visit was a blessing & a delight. even Sarah & Minnie who did not profit by it, seemed to have felt glad that his countenance had brightened the home they both love. I had a letter from Minnie this morning to state as was the enclosed to be a very welcome. willingly I would have sent her after him, but knew it would not reach him at any stopping place, and to consign it to your care for him on his return. his stay in Bath will not exceed many hours. and as it is probable he will pass Ellen's & Sophy's on the road, there will be none to feel great disappointment there. tho' I know Ellen will grieve when she arrives this day to find that he has gone. I wish too that he could have seen Mary in her own house

she writes very happily, and I sincerely hope
you will find all your wishes realized on
that score. There came by to day's mail, invita-
tions to an entertainment at Looe Spring
for the 24th given to the bride. our dear Ben
will tell you all about his Hires folk here
and how very very much they desire to see you
face to face - and as you have never been
on this side of the mountains I promise my-
self a great deal of pleasure from going
about with you - you must see the Great ~~and~~
the falls of Niagara & the beautiful lakes
and the Canadas and the Springs and
all the natural & artificial curiosities
that abound in the regions of the North &
east - which I think may keep us busy
during the summer besides making a
long & valuable acquaintance with your
relatives who are all disposed to love
you -

our dear Ben has been well all the time
he was here, a great many of his friends
sought him, and would gladly have kept
him longer, if the season had permitted
a safe delay - but we were not willing he
should suffer on a winter's journey from
severe weather - it rains to day, but is not
cold, and will not affect either the
mountains or the river - so hope he will

in all domestic joy my thoughts go with him
on his journey I hail him with dear love at
the hour of his need - believe me my dear
sister affectionately yours - R. G. 23
remember me with love to my dear nephews.

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Dear Benjamin Gratz

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