

I wrote to you My Dear Ann, last week
 immediately after receiving your letter from
 Washington, but not knowing where to direct
 to, instead of giving it to Ellen (as Ben said
 it was uncertain whether he should return to Boston)
 I gave it to Miss Broad and so you will not
 get it until it is quite stale, and you have
 journeyed on, without knowing how interested
 I was in your pleasures at Washington, and how
 glad that all your friends met you with open
 hearts & hands. I should have been very glad
 to have been with you - but after all we enjoyed
 together it would be ungrateful not to be satis-
 fied. For we rarely fulfil so much of our hopes
 and wishes, in any projected pleasure, as was
 realized in your & my dear Brother's visit.
 nor can I ever thank you enough for bringing
 the precious little girl, who won so deeply
 on my affections. Did Mother Meriam think
 I had forgotten her doll? I don't quite expect
 it should reach her, before the long con-
 -fidence in my promise. For children should
 never be deceived, and cannot be expected
 to calculate even necessary delays in the ful-
 -filment of one word. Sweet little Anna will
 have forgotten me, before we meet again -
 but I shall never forget her loving eyes &
 soft caresses. May they both live to be good

and lovely women. Miriam has a sweet
bland temper, good talents, and much
ambition, she is in advance of her age in
both mind & body ~~for both~~, you must not see
her prematurely. Susan was wise when
he prayed "Feed me with food convenient
for me" - we should apply it to mental food
likewise, and our children would be happier
more rational & in the end wiser. When the
proper season for study arrived - children
that are crammed with learning cannot
digest it. I received a letter from Catherine
since Sedgewick in which she says her present
most interesting occupation is fixing a
baby-house for her grand child (niece -
Miriam would not care for a baby house
unless she could assist in furnishing it, &
then would perhaps make it over to Anne -
tell her I have found her two treasuries &
a pair of scissors, which may perhaps have come
to Lexington, in some package or other, but
I doubt that they will have as many associa-
tions to relate, as those pointed out in your
note, as they were only found lying under her
bed, and are now reposing in one of those
little boxes on my toilet table. It may happen
that some young visitor may peruse them
& then they may be told & found many times
before they reach her rightful finger - Miss B.

our friends are all well & never will talk
ing of Aunt Anna. if you ever burn, it
must all be on the right side - to make the sign
true. you have won the hearts of all your
husbands old friends wives & sisters, and
they knowing how to flatter me, come to tell
me how much they admire you -

give my dear love to my brother, and
my dear nephews. I hope Hyman is well
again, I was uneasy about him as
my Washington letters say he had been
very sick - our brothers send their
love, and so does Morrell - Joe is again
absent but expect him home to morrow.

Adieu my dear Ann, let me hear
soon of your safe arrival and

Believe me ever affectionately

Your O. G. G. G.

Sept. 30th Monday -
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