

My best love to my dear Brother - & to Penelope & Myra.

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My Dear Ann

It is a long long time since we have conversed together, and though I know my brothers have kept you informed of our condition, and the sweet assurance of remembrance is conveyed to me, yet my fancy is busy picturing you and the dear children in various ways. I feel the want of more certain information - Maria Lebeckowicz too has mentioned you in her letters to a mutual friend - but (am I unreasonable?) all this is not so satisfactory as if you told me, yourself how you & your childrens are employed, and when you are to set out on your western tour. Mr. Brown came for his Grand Daughter, Julia Buchanan, and started yesterday on their home journey, Grady Moses' little children have also come in, and are at Washington with their Uncle Wm Ashe's family - our brother so left home this morning for Centre County & Julia departed last Monday - in all this

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moving sun, with bright skies over head
and the earth covered with beautiful
flowers. Who can but feel the beautiful
provision made by God & nature for
our happiness. or with hold an offering
of gratitude for the blessings of the year.

I received a letter from Miriam say-
ing that she contemplated making a
visit in August when she meant to pro-
ceed to Montreal and carry her children
to make acquaintance with their cousins.
The sisters have not met for several
years, and I am glad they will have
Gratz's children also to join their family
group. - You have heard of poor Rosa
Marr's sad accident - it is two months
since it occurred and she is still a great
sufferer, and will probably be a cripple
for life. The Dr does not desire to have any
further operation, and seems so uncertain
about the injury that they mean to leave
the case to nature. Ellen went to see her
and thought in the week she was there
that Rosa improved in strength, and that
she suffered less, but she is in bed.

goshen, for the Pentecost, which
is the season of flowers. embrace
Aunt & my sweet Anna for their loving
Aunt. I hear that Mary is looking
very well and exceeding the studies
of hospitality very gracefully Mr Pigg
& Dr. Blair are on a pleasure tour
together Mrs B & Lizzie are well, it is
quite a long time since I have heard
from them - Mrs Vestee must be
glad to have her sister with her - now
her only sister. They were a large family
of them, as I remember, full of joyous
-ness unless the parental roof - please
present me kindly to them both.

I hear of our dear Mary, that she is going
to her friend Anna Cora Howells wedding
which is quite an excitement to her, did
you read her Autobiography? she is quite
a character and loves to come even
in the solemnity of her bridal hour. her
taste is distinctly theatrical. but she has
many noble traits of character. I hope
your wife my dear Ann will affectionately
your sister D.G.