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and give my kindest love to my nearest friends, I can
only advise your judicious plan with your children & rejoice in
your good prospects. I am sure you will be
in the company of them.
Do not suppose my dear Anna
that I could acquiesce in the decision
your generosity & modesty set forth -
your letters ^{made} a two fold interest in
them, first they bring me intelligence
of those I dearly love - and secondly
they are so well expressed & intellectual
that as a matter of taste they would
be valuable - you last gave me a
lovely picture of domestic life. your
plan of home education is wise, and
trust your children will look back
on their early days with the joyous
recollection of happy childhood - free from
those drawbacks school days so often
register - the delights of guided play-
hours, is only an exchange of use-
ful lessons, they grow familiar
with nature, animate & inanimate
and cannot fail to see a God
employed in all the various pro-
ductions that meet their eyes

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and as their minds mature, will
learn to adore their Creator with
grateful love, through all the bless-
ings scattered so lavishly around
them. I was glad to hear Dr Shelby
paid you a visit, which took off the
edge of your disappointment, in
being obliged to postpone your visit
en tout. The Autumn is a pleasant
season for travel, and I hope the
Summer will pass away without
any great anxiety about Cholera.
There seems to be a wide spreading
report of its existence in various the
sections but less panic than its visitation
formerly created. I am sorry Maria
Abbeville does not find Lexington
agree with her, she promised herself so
much pleasure from her visit. She is a
person, likely to become a slave to habits
and I suppose misses the routine which
makes up the business of ^{her} life - living in
a boarding house, with no strong interests
a restless seeking abroad, among her
friends for something to occupy her mind

Mother is quite well, sends her love to
you & thanks for the penicillal letter. The
subject of our peated anxiety is poor Rose
whose injuries what ever they be do not
heal. She is still confined to bed, and ere
long must be moved from Wheatthapel, as
it is subject to malaria. Many Riffzher
family are at the Springs. I think her visit
to you will not be fixed for Sept. as she has
other prospects for that period. But my dear
Anna, that would not induce me. I would
rather come when you & your dear third
son & husband were alone - my personal
expectation is to remain always at home,
unless one brother or another gets well, which at
present there is not a prospect. My dear
Cohen & family expect to come to the north
in this month, will go to Canada as
first and be back in the autumn.
I suppose I will make his usual trip
to Saratoga - this very hot weather, will
soon send our citizens adrift. Last night
there was a most extensive fire in Ched
valley, as the newspapers will tell you, for
all kind of disasters turn in these pages
embrace your studying girls for me