

Saratoga Springs
Aug. 2nd 1858

Your letter Mr Dear Ann,
found us here & was most welcome.
I think our Brother ^{for} has already
improved - but is still very pal-
-lid & feeble Horatio ^{my son} Estlin
accompanied us on our journey
and spent one week with us -
he left on Friday thinking his
Uncle would no longer require
his services. we have great satis-
-faction in the efficacy of this place.
The air & water are both salutary
and he meets so many of his
old friends here that they keep
his mind amused, without fati-
-guing him. His appetite is better
too so I am encouraged to hope
for further improvement.
I congratulate you on the arrival
of Dr. Shelby & your new daughter

a letter I received from Ezra
Mores, apprised me of his presence
at St Louis en route to Kentucky
you have every reason to be
satisfied - may happily in the
prospect before him, present
my regards & best wishes to him.
I shall be glad to hear your
account of the bride - and how
joyfully your dear girls will
receive their new sister.

I need not say how delighted
we should have been to see our
dear Ben - but I knew how
difficult it would be for
him to leave Lexington at
this season, not learning total-
ly of his kindness & hospi-
tality to him - and of the
various objects of interest that
engaged his attention -

are now more fashionable
resorts. at New York, whole life
gives place to a more sensible
practice. many of the gayest
house cottages, are entertained
in a more domestic & rational
manner.

Bessy Norton finds her child
greatly strengthened by sea bathing.
When she leaves Long Branch, the
wife take her child to Canada
& visit her at her cottage, as the
Dr. wishes her to avoid all the
heat of the City

So I write in the warmest
love to our dear Ben & the girls
and yourself my dear Ann.
You are often in my thoughts
and I beg you to believe me ever
your affectionate sister
P.B.