

Philadelphia Aug. 21st 1837

The health of my beloved Brother
and the recovery of the darling
Anna, made your letter, my dear
Ann the messenger of glad tidings
and yet I closed it with a sigh
of disappointment - as I hoped
it would have mentioned when
I might expect to see you at
home - but I am too well aware
that the cares of business, in the
adverse affairs of his sons, are
pressing on our dear Ben, to utter
one word of complaint and as
long as I hear that his health is
unimpaired, shall be grateful
and contented - I hope you have
been enjoying your visit to Bernard
the summer is rapidly passing
away, we have had remarkably
cool weather, the greater part of
the season - our city very healthy

and all the dear ones around you, believe me your affectionate
sister Mary

so there has been no necessity to leave home, however desirable it may be for the lovers of the country to inhale the pure atmosphere - and look upon the beautiful face of nature - My health has been good all summer & I take moderate exercise, and generally rest well for which I thank God, as for a special benefactor, to one long cherished by His mercy - Our family circle is a good deal scattered just now - all Edward & Etting's portion of it are abroad he & Philipina both being invalids Dr Hays has just returned from save to go, giving himself too short a respite to do much good - Harrietta is at Fishkille also for her health - being much plagued by palpitations of the heart, & her Mother is anxious about it - Sally has been wrestling with her paroxysmal attack which I hope she will conquer - she dined with us yesterday looking very pale & languid - Maria & almost all her household are rambling about the country - so that Hyman had

ful of good sense, good feeling,
and of womanly fortitude. she
cannot fail to inspire her husband
with strength ^{to} overcome his difficulties
by new efforts - by hope of success
grounded on industry and modesty
- then, poor Edward, it will be difficult
to train his feverish imagination
in to the realities of life, "in this work-
ing-day world." But I trust he will rise
a happier & better man, for the hard
experience he has gone through.
his Father & Father in Law's efforts to
serve him - will give an additional
motivation for him to put forth his
strength. Your son too, has strong ar-
guments in his domestic ties. Home
happiness, will give him a strong
arm, and I trust both of them, will
win back prosperity by their talents
and probity. My dear Ann, the
experience of a long life - has taught
me to look hopefully on such vic-
-itudes. Preserving the precious jewel of a
good name - all will go well - God bless
you, with affectionate love to my precious brother