

Phil^a Nov^r 8th 1860

I thank you my dear Ann for your interesting letter and the joyful news that our beloved Ben was well. I hope his journey will be pleasant, was glad Easy was his companion, as it is so strange to be travelling alone. Mr Lee & Lizzy were here when your letter arrived. Mr L told me he had written to Easy about his going with him to China. They went to New York on Monday where his ship lies. Lizzy expects to return here when the Capt sails. Howard left his invalid cousin in Phil^a under Dr Hays' care for her eyes. She appears to be a very interesting sufferer - so young - and so sadly afflicted. Every day's experience reminds us of the Poets song that "Maid was made to mourn." Yet we see also that many

shows "the silver lining to every cloud." Miss Logan is very cheerful when she is free from pain - another Lady from N. Carolina, very much in the same condition - Miss Mildred Cameron ^{exhibits} a similar state of mind - and both have the means of obtaining what aid they may require from others. I was glad to hear Howard has some employment. He possesses a hopeful spirit and the love of such a good wife who he knows how to appreciate, is a treasure indeed - I have just received a letter from Aunt, telling me of her little boy - but says nothing about her own health - I hope she will take good care of herself for his sake.

I expect India home about the 20th. Aunt will leave me a few days earlier but is ~~is~~ probably Lizzy will be back before she goes. I am never lonesome and find plenty of occupation both at home and abroad. Frank Cohen, who had been ill on his return from the Springs has

better keeping. The structures of Mrs Rush
unpardonable & unprovoked, as she
acknowledges having been hospitably
entertained by her. The Jews has nothing
to complain of but exaggeration & the un-
fitness of being presented to the public
as a living character. I am sorry for
Mrs Warfields domestic unhappiness
she & her sister were former friends of
our father, in whom I always felt a deep
interest. & their sister Mrs La Bree was a
lovely - unfortunate lady. I have been
so often interrupted since I began this
letter. that you will please excuse
my incoherences. Please present my Dear
love to my brother & your children and
accept the love of Laura & Horace.
ever most affectionately yours
sister B. Gray