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My Dear Ann at my tardiness
to write, in these times of agitating
excitement "we must together as those
who forget to speak" may be applied
daily to more than ourselves. who
have such tender interests with
those exposed to immediate dan-
ger. it is hard to reconcile our
conflicting feelings - when so
many with whom we have lived
in bonds of love, and are still
so dear entertain opinions in
which we much ^{altogether} sympathize altho
their destiny seems influenced
by them. I thank God that my
beloved brother is safe. that his
home is safe from assault
and the state so dear to him
have come out so nobly in the
right cause

We had a short visit from

My dear love to my precious brother, I ask his children
and many good things more. We, to have me ever your office
honorable sister
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Minnie and her children, and
Howard came to take her home.
I passed an evening with us.
Minnie came to try if Dr Hays
could do any thing to a defect
in Ben's eye. The Dr. declined
to operate, in hopes he would
out grow it, at any rate did not
think proper to interfere with it
while he is so young. Her little
namesake is a lovely child, and
from their accounts all are
very good & promising children.
They left Mary at school in
Orange. The rest of the family
are at lodgings in N.Y for the
present. Howard still very sanguine
of success. Minerva has become
quite a stout woman, and is very
cheerful. Said her Father was
in Lexington Mo. & that she ex-
pected her lame brother to come
to her & her sisters in N.York.

Horace told his Uncle, of the

wife not leave her husband
who probably may in the council,
of the city - he cannot be in the
Army - his sister at Manitowish
could give them a secure refuge
from danger if they would seek
it. Our Morisais are rather
delicate this winter. Rosa has
the Measles, taken I believe from
one of her pupils. They have
| 19 or 20) and are very popular.
Laura has been much troubled
with sore throat, & their Mother
with sick head ache. City life
city air & want of exercise do
not suit them as well as the free
& pleasant living at the Arsenal.
The Major too is so changed, so
sad & spirit-broken, (I think sacrificed
to family influence) yet he is no
doubt a sympathizer with the South.
Tho' too honorable to join in the
rebellion - I have consulted on this
with dear Sister, without saying a word
about the darlings around you.
dear dear Aunt, I will adopt her motto
and hope on for brighter times to
meet