

Philadelphia Jan'y 24.

My Dear Ann

I have had a great pleasure lately in a visit from Henry Chad. Who after an absence of more than Twenty years, has come to Phil^a with so many affectionate recollections of his former friends that one looks upon him with great interest. He is very handsome and his manners are peculiarly attractive. He gave good accounts of Dear Mary, and our other relations at St Louis. The rapidity of travel now, brings us so much nearer to each other that I can hardly realize the difference of my feelings on the subject. When Gray Moore moved his family there I never expected to see him, or them again, and now a journey of three days brings us together. Little Mary's letters and her chatter bring us in daily familiarity with home scenes so identical that we do not realize the space between. One of my old friends a real Knockabout of Albany has just returned from a visit to her daughter and is quite charmed with St Louis.

Your account of the dear little girls is very gratifying. It is delightful to

pleasure & profit so happily blended
in their training - where education can be
so earned or under a Mother's supervision
it is greatly to be preferred, and as long
as you can devote your time to their
instruction, they will be kept from evil
influences. I think a well conducted school
the next best plan - The Ladies
with whom I have placed little Mary, are
the daughters of a Clergyman. They are
well educated accomplished women, and
have opened a school recently, more from
the love of imparting instruction, than from
immediate necessity. One of their sisters
became a widow early in life with a fam-
ily - the two youngest of four sisters, deter-
mined on acquiring their own fortune - They
live at home and engaged a house in
our Row - thus far they have succeeded,
it is a day school of one session from 9 till 2
o'clock. so there is sufficient time left
for exercise. Miriam Cohen has kept
her children under her own tuition, thus far
she has now sent the two eldest to remove before
in French & German, and is taking lessons
herself in German, to assist them in that
language - she is a good French scholar
and has studied Italian & Spanish

He found three
Mrs Knight & her
in various boxes
here which was
by Adams'
The paper box
which I hope have
some known, and I
Office
very much
well.
wishes