

Phila April 17th

As My Dear Brother, left
us with a heavy heart, full
of anxiety about more than
one invalid I hasten My Dear
Aunt to bid you comfort him
by the intelligence that our
Sister's recovery is in a more
hopeful condition - at least
one of her children, is pronounced
- not better, the little girl, is gain-
- ing strength, and has had no
return of convulsions. Henry
too, suffers less, and gains flesh
but still being unconscious, I fear
there can be no doubt that the
disease has affected his brain,
and must prove fatal. Tell
My Dear Brother too, that my
health is improving, and I

intend, (if the sun continues
to shine on us this April day)
to go over to our sisters, who I
have not seen for many days -
he will tell you how broken down
the remnant of our family
appears - but you may spare him
his blessed visit, & put new life
in us at Boston now, and the
promise to bring you & the
dear girls when next he comes
has given us something to look
forward to - Poor Jane was yearn-
ing to come home, when her
children were taken sick - and
we shall still look for her, if it
pleases God to enable her to do so.
her letters show how entirely she
submits herself to his will, &
how grateful she is, that she is
enabled to perform a mother's
duty by day & by night in watching
her children one another in the

Julia is well tired of admiring
& exhibiting them - embrace
them both for me, and continue
to tell of all their improvements.

You have heard so recent-
ly of all our family concerns
and habits that I can give
you nothing new. I have not
even a new book to introduce
to you - Poor Mary Stewart
expresses my sympathy in
the pages of Agnes Thickland,
who has tried to rescue her
fame from obliquity and
certainly merits much compas-
sion for her misfortunes.

Farewell My dear
Ann, I hope you will be
able to decipher these hasty
lines - and believe in the
affection of your attached Sister
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