

Phil^d August 15th

I have been long in your debt
My Dearest Ann without meaning to
neglect you; but you know how time, in
the hot weather seems to move on leaden
wings, while we heavily journey on doing
nothing to mark its progress worth record-
ing - but the one idea of soon seeing you
when the summer is over has cheered
me on the way - our dear sister Mary
does not rally to any thing like her
healthful strength - and her sight is
so feeble, that she refuses to leave home
even to drive. The death of her dear Rosa
has made a deep impression on her mind.
she bore the first intelligence with won-
derful fortitude - but since Ellen left
she so much misses the society of her
daughters, who at this season were
wont to cluster round her - that we

could hardly expect any thing else
than that she should feel sad and
solitary. I am with her some portion
of every day - and the children of all
the families go there also - Rosa Hardacre
is still her inmate - her Mother has not yet
been able to make us a visit - one two
Brothers Myrland to see at the Springs
Luc gets on pretty well, tho' he must
miss them a great deal - Baptist Gutz
Moses are here, so I have quite a young
family to occupy me until school begins.

Sally Hays has been alarmed by
an attack of Hemorrhage, it was not de-
scribed as an indication of disease of the
lungs - was very distressing, and either
from fright or the nature of such
symptoms, debilitated her a good deal
at the time, I expect the Dr will take
her away from the city for a short time
not only to recruit, but to avoid her
summer attack of bronchitis, so much
dreaded by us all - I had a letter

at the sacrifice of human lives
I don't believe the Russians, are
any more willing to let one officer
reach the seal of war than the
allies were - but they have treated
them very hospitably showing them
the wonders of their riches & power
their Russian forts & arsenals
& soldiers & how valuably they can
see the English & French Fleets. but
still detaining them near the coast.

I hope you have favorable accounts
of your sister Ellen's health - remember
me affectionately to your darling girl
John Dore, and my dear nephews,
like John his sister, & heart send him
their love - our sister wish me join
her best love with mine to our dearest
Ben & your self - her affections seem
to grow stronger & fill up the place of
her other faculties. the external light
was diminished, and turned inward
to her heart - God Bless you my dear Brother
& sister, believe me ever devotedly yours
J. B.