

I rejoice My Dear Ann
 to hear of your recovery from
 the fatigue & anxiety of your
 journey, and that you found
 it unnecessary for your daughter
 to take a long wearisome tour
 at this season, particularly
 as her husband's condition
 did not require her presence,
 and his position might have
 required them to be separated
 where she would not have
 the protection or comforts
 her condition required.

I am glad Dear Anne is well
 again. Minnie's account of
 Laura's death shocked me

greatly. I hope she may
recover under your kindness
& Dr. Burth's skill. tho' fear her
disease is too deep seated to
hope for a permanent cure.
Your sweet Minnie seems
to have shocked herself most
tenderly to Laura. I feel greatly
concerned for Myman, who must
be in great trouble. it is sad
to see a young life fading
away, from one so capable of
giving & receiving happiness.
The little intercourse I have
had with her makes me love
her very much. her poor little
boy will hardly know the
value of a Mother's love -

I was much gratified with
your having seen Mary Mores

however it was all swept
away. Some Monsieur has
been spending the morning
with me, all the girls are out
of town, and Alfred at his
post in the front of the bat-
tle. His letters are very so-
berly and I trust he will be
preserved amid its dangers
and return covered with
honor, to your loyal little
Anna, he is ^a brave deserving
the smiles of the Fair.
His Mother's heart is grieved
up in him.

My Dear Ann, never apolo-
gize to me for writing of what
is uppermost in your heart.
For that is just what we
most prize in January or
February letters. I love to feel
as if we were sitting together