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My Dear Friend

your silence and Eliza's departure for Albany
has created some alarm about our dear Caroline. whose indispo-
sition I suppose the occasion of Eliza's unexpected journey.
Rachel has written to Harriet. but it will be so long before she
can receive information from there that I must importune
you again, my love, to relieve our anxiety, and in so doing I
feel great reluctance, because I know your heart is so tenderly
interested, that it must experience pain, from the idea of the slightest
danger. Yours however is not a common mind, to be startled at
an enquiry arising from solicitude and total ignorance of her
situation. Matilda tells me she has not received a letter for
a week papered - poor girl! she was sadly disappointed to hear
her father would not be here in this month, but she has regained her
spirits, she went with us to the Theatre on Wednesday evening
and spent yesterday at Mrs Merediths. her cold has quite left
her and her appetite returned. Catharine Hammond is a sweet
little girl, agreeable, intelligent, and appears very amiable. they
are much attached to each other, and both seem much in favor with
Miss Ireland. whose friendship no doubt procures them many advan-
tages in the school. they often walk out with her in the afternoon

which exercise must be both beneficial & agreeable.

What has become of Ann? her sister complains of her not writing - is she still in the country?

I was nursing a little babe yesterday about the age of yours and fancied the whole time it must be very like her. you cannot imagine how much I want to see her. unless you have a friend you love as well as I do you, who has just such a mother. every time I see a young happy mother - the image of Maria dances before me. Mrs Otto (Eliza Todd) lost her first child, and is now three weeks the mother of a daughter. I went to see her on Saturday - and really never saw so much joy in a face before. I have been thinking of her ever since -

Sophia Dallas is going to be married to Richard Bache very shortly and Patty Jones to a Mr Adams. I believe you know both the ladies. there are also several ~~these~~ weddings talked of - among the rest B. & - but that, not so confidently as the others - and will not certainly so soon take place - I suppose you see James frequently and hear all about the family from him. Andrew is expected home this spring - but not a married man - poor fellow! he has another disappointment to bewail - but I guess this loss is greater to his purse, than his heart -

My mother & the girls send you their best love. Make mine acceptable to your dear husband - Ann - and Mercy - God Bless you, my dearest Maria, let me hear soon of your Caroline and accept my best wishes for your happiness - ever your own Rebecca



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