

Believe me always your affectionate friend

Bliss

Aug^r 24th

My Dear Merriam

I was greatly
concerned by your account
of Dear Laura's ill health
it was the first intimation
I received of any increase
of indisposition her delicate
constitution always seemed
to require much care, though
unfortunately persons get
accustomed even to suffering
and are too apt to neglect
the means which might stop
it or keep off the evil of its
increase. I trust she may
recover, when the excessive
heat of this season abates.

your letter much surprised
me by the amount of your
Pam's absence, as I had
not heard of Jo's disquiet
of your sister's great trouble
on the occasion, I hope the
journey did no injury to
the party of travellers, and
that you & Dear Deborah
made such good house
keepers, as to satisfy your
Mother of your capability
in this new domestic virtue.

I had been laughing very
heartily, during the many hot
days we passed through in
hopes that each one, was the
last of such unusual heat -
but was caught napping when

seems where ever the battle
rages, some one may be hit
whose wounds I must feel,
near the life. My dear
Patience mine, my heart
goes with you in all our
triumphs. Give my best love
to your dear Parents & Anne
Horace sends you his - he is
at home under Drile, and
cannot leave his work until
so ordered. - How is Hyman
and his little son? May keep
me informed of your domestic
news - How Howard's family
retained? Remember me affec-
tionately to all. our family folk
are scattered in various direc-
tions during the hot weather
but will be home next month
farewell Dearest Minerva