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I thank you My Dearest  
Ben for your great goodness  
in writing. I know it was  
an effort of affection which  
cost you much to accomplish  
and I received it with a  
grateful heart. Indeed my  
Brother, I have been with  
you <sup>in</sup> feeling through all your  
affliction. No one could better  
appreciate the noble character  
of your Garg. The loveliness of  
his childhood. ~~the~~ his progress  
to manly virtue. all pass before  
me. and the glorious sacrifice  
of his precious life, in defence  
of his country. while it crowns  
his name with honor, and  
a nations gratitude. enhances  
our deep affection at his loss.



but we must not forget  
that Gods will - not ours  
is to be done. and that our  
shortsightedness, cannot see  
the end, to which the Omnipotent  
directs our severest  
trials. "Tho' he kills me I will  
trust in Him" said Job - and  
in such faith we can abide.  
My beloved brother -

Howard breakfasted with us  
on his way home on Wednesday  
morning. he told us of his brief  
& painful visit to you. Since  
then we have such sad accounts  
of his former residence, and  
the slaughter of the Male - and  
of the rebellion in Kentucky  
that our minds are kept in  
constant excitement. Lizzie  
is at present here, waiting



The arrival of her husband  
in N.Y. now daily expected.  
we hope your loyal state will  
succeed in soon driving its  
enemies out. & retaining  
the valorous of its own citizens.  
Kentucky has had - and has  
too many noble sons - to falter  
in the good cause -

The invalids in our family are  
all recovering. Maria Elting  
the Morreais - and many other  
friends desire to send messages  
of sympathy & affection to you  
among whom is Frank Blair's  
wife, who with her Mother & her  
family are at Westchester  
in our neighborhood. She has put  
Andrew to school. Sara writes  
that many Southern families are  
residing in Montreal. They will  
find that winter climate  
unbearable.)



I hope Dear Ann is well - I  
sympathize in her anxiety  
about her sons condition.  
for I am sure she must suffer  
about him - danger ~~is~~ ~~very~~  
~~seeing~~ is hard to bear.

Give my love to your sons  
and daughters - I bless them  
for their devotion to you.

Horace & Lizzie send their  
love - My health is very good.  
Which enables me to take exer-  
-cise in good weather. Horace  
admonishes me, that I am an  
Old woman - and must avoid  
the damps that bring on 'infa-  
-mities. The death of my old  
friend Mrs Biddle, has  
afflicted her brother greatly.  
he is at his residence at  
Chesnut Hill.

I am with my Dearest Ben believe  
me your decidedly attached P.D.