

Phil^a March 28th - 1862

My Dear Anna

Since I received your letter I hear you too have had the measles - and I am thankful that both you & your dear sister have completely recovered from that disease - without any ill effects lurking in your constitutions. It always awakens our gratitude to our heavenly Father - when we have passed through an imminent danger safely. & the Measles is one of the diseases, we dread because it sometimes leaves a treacherous weakness undetected at the time - Your Father's letter last week perfectly satisfied me, not only regarding your health - but the very vigorous efforts made by both his daughters in the acquirement of a good education -

This My dear Anne will
not only brighten your own lives
but give comfort to ^{the} latter years
of your parents, who live over
in their virtuous children. The
pleasures they have enjoyed in
their own experience.

Tell your dear Mother I have
often intended to write to her
since I received her last letter -
and when I opened my port-folio
hesitated which to address, she or you
but your pretty letter which com-
menced the sheet, and the recollec-
tion of your dewy Eyes shining
through the moisture so lovingly
decided the matter. I think she
will forgive me - and wait a
little longer for payment of
my debt. You can give her a kiss
for me, and I am once the wife.

Cousin Julia, Norace & I have
spent a very quiet winter. Julia's

Brother George lives in town, which
is very agreeable to her, she gene-
rally spends 2 days a week with
him, & reads German with the boys
who think her a good companion
in their long country walks, besides
teaching them. Julia you know is very
intelligent, she makes all the children
love her, telling amusing stories to the
young ones. Your Cousin Sally May
& Henrietta seem a little better, but
they have not regained their spirits
since the death of dear little Robbie.
Your other Cousin is getting on nicely
Marian sitting quite well, she is going
next week to Baltimore to spend the
Pasover, Harriet has just returned
home with Frances from Richmond,
and I think you would be amused
by Sara Joseph's account of the dancing
school of her little folks. she is teach-
ing the girls music herself. I suppose
I am in my second childhood, as
my pleasures are so much with the
2 & 3 generation of my family.

give a great deal of love from me
to all my Kentucky relations

and to good Mrs Thrashly when
you see her - also to Mrs Vestier.

and now my dear Anna, fare-
-well May God bless you my
dear child. believe me your

Affectionate Aunt Abby

Thank my darling Mother
for his letter.

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