

Midwin room 2 Park Place N York. Saturday
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My dear Sarah

I am here on my promised visit to
Helen and Amanda and find myself pleasantly located
with them; I shall probably prolong my stay all of next
week, unless driven home by any cold weather, or
some other cause.

I can hardly express how
much my anxiety has been relieved by the information from
home that you with the others had safely reached
your good mother's home with a cordial welcome; would
to heaven that I too had one to offer, but it has pleased
Providence to circumscribe me to mere wishes, still,
I would not repine but strive to acquiesce in its
dispositions, conscious that I am surrounded with
many mercies, of the least of which, I may say with the
old Patriarch, I am unworthy.

Though you have turned your back upon N York
a little gossip touching the circumstances of relatives in
this quarter may not be uninteresting. Sarah had
intended a visit to New Brighton this week, but hearing
that two of the grand daughters of Aunt Abigail purpo-
sed a jaunt to the cottage, she had to defer it until
next week, and whether it will take place then
is uncertain as something or other is continually
occurring, to interfere with her plans, as well as the
plans of others; this is the case with the visit from Sarah
Clark and Henrietta Irving just alluded to, which has been
under contemplation all the summer and fall - when
it takes place it may prove a great affair as it has
been long ripening, and may extend to all of two
days!

Julia came to the city last
Monday on an errand intending to return to the cottage
in the afternoon, but Julia Gimball kept her until Wednesday

giving her an opportunity of going to the Opera on
Monday evening, and the Broadway Theatre on Tuesday
evening. Mr. W. H. Furness came up on Monday
about his new house, and took his dinner with us,
and then told your sisters that they must hold themselves
in readiness to go to the City at a short notice, it being
his intention to become boats for one of Jerry Lewis's
concerts. — Your Uncle Horatio meanwhile had gone
to the City and arranged with Julia that he would
be down on Wednesday, and go with her to Jerry's
morning concert of that day. — They both returned
on Wednesday evening, but as I am usually almost
entirely deaf in the evening, I refrained from asking
any questions; the next morning, Thursday, however, as I was
about to start for the cars, I said something about a
hope that Jerry had justified her, and learnt
that both she and her Uncle had come home "with
a flea in their ear", to use a cant phrase; they
were too late to get seats.

I since learn that
Mr. Furness engaged seats for last evening, and
that all hands except the servants, cleared out
from the Cottage yesterday morning, to avail them-
selves of his attention. — I believe they all quartered
at his house, except, perhaps, your Uncle Washington.

I learnt something of their plans from Andrew's
Julia on whom I called on Thursday, but her account
differed from your sister Sarah's; she had told me
the morning I left home, that Sarah, Frank and
Annetta were to come up that day, and being

young and timid and not yet broken in as handies,
they were to be escorted by Mr. Bear I. who would
return to the City the next (Friday) morning, leaving the
girls at Sunnyside who would probably stay until
Tuesday next, which she understood to be the day
they were to attend upon Jerry Lind; but, as I said
before, Sarah was out in her calculations.

Andrew Julia it seems had taken an opportunity
to hear the "Nightingale" and was in raptures not only
with her singing, but her entire deportment and
was for pressing me to go to one of the concerts,
not that she thought that I would ^{enjoy} the singing
or the music, but would be delighted with her manner
and appearance, but I told her she little thought that
it would ^{have} a quite contrary effect, for though pleased
with all that I might be able to enjoy, I should be
more deeply feel the sad privation of hearing.

Catharine has not yet returned from "England";
her last letter from Charlotte written last
Sunday evening says any thing respecting her leaving;
as she depended upon Col. Mayam as her escort who
expected to leave soon after the election, I presume
we may look for her daily. The Col. was the
whig candidate for Congress for that district though
an unwilling one, and it seems he is defeated
to the joy of his family and intimates, who were
unwilling to lose his society for the time of his
attendance at Washington City. — Charlie says that
he really believes the Col. is as glad at the
defeat, as is Mr. Mayam himself, and that the idea of

being defeated is all that will trouble him

I once expressed to you a wish to pay a visit once
more to Boston; I need hardly say that I am now
more desirous of doing so than ever; and were not
the season so far advanced, the days so short,
and the risk of storms and freezing weather so
much greater, I should be tempted to take the
hazard especially while Willie is at leisure, but
it would not now be a prudent step - I must
defer it until Spring when, if opened, with fine
weather and continued good health I may make
the attempt.

I shall not calculate on Willie's company
then in my rambles about the "Literary Emporium", as
I trust that something will offer to employ his time
more profitably. Meanwhile say to Willie that he
may take note of respectable and comfortable quarters
where a few days may be passed at rather less expense
than at the "Tremont", the "Rivers" or other extravagant
hotels.

With my best regards to your good
mother, my love to Willie and the little ones,
I am my dear friends truly and affectionately
Yours

Thine
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