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I am wearied of waiting for letters from you dear Sister, what is the reason that none of you write right after night I have expected them by Charles and now I really fear some thing must be the matter at Bethesda Emma is so fond of writing that she surely might find time for a few lines even if you were too busy. I was very glad to hear a week ago that John Herbert had determined to go out immediately I hope it will add to your comfort to have so good a workman there and the prospect of Mrs Jones and Mary next Spring will be delightful to you I went over to see them the other day and found both looking wretchedly they have been sick nearly all winter but hope to get quite well now that the warmer weather is coming and that they are going to move up stairs I send you the miniature and a look for Alfred, and wish I had something more but perhaps by the time Mrs Jones goes we will be richer, your Mother's portrait John could not conveniently carry, so it must wait for another opportunity. I am still with the Dues but shall leave here on Friday for Fishkill where I shall probably remain all summer after that there is nothing determined upon George has not yet decided where he will go he will come on to see us as soon as the road he is now engaged in shall be finished and will then decide, he will have no difficulty I imagine in procuring a very good situation and if it were not for the debt we should really be quite rich but until those are paid off we must be very economical. Charles' Magazine was so much involved that he was very glad to accept a proposal of Dearborn's to take it off his hands for the

debts which had accumulated since I had been publisher and allow Charles a thousand a year for editing it; the debts including losses by fire, purchase of the New England &c. leaving Charles though the original purchase debt of the Am. Mon. still to pay, all this is a secret - so don't speak of it in your letters to any of the people here. Charles has become Editor of the Mirror at a salary of \$1200 and with the two together he expects to get out of debt and live comfortably.

Our furniture is to be sold on Saturday I fear it will scarcely bring any thing for the town is in such a dreadful state with the great failures that even the most superb furniture that of the Josephs sold for a mere trifle, perhaps you have not yet heard in the wilderness that all the rich people here are failing, the Josephs were the first about three weeks ago and since then it is said there have been an hundred, I hope it will not affect your western lands though they say here it will be felt every where.

I was up at the house yesterday and left Elizabeth in very good spirits she received letters while I was there from Rebecca telling her that her master would sell her 'for her goodness' and directing where the money should be paid here she has heard from Mr. Robinson too who says she may have Olive and Elvira too though she would not rather not part with the latter she is so much attached to her until she comes on herself which will be next year, I am delighted that she has so fair a prospect of getting her children she says she will remember her promise to you and should I live with George next winter in the country I shall probably have one of them, Fannie and Elizabeth will go to Murray's on Saturday night, Murray is to be married on the 18th but will not bring his wife home until the first of May he is going to Baltimore on a bridal tour his wedding is to be in the evening and quite a large one sixty invitations, I went to see Aunt Golden a week ago she really seems in wretched health, she is going to move into a three story house and says she feels so much the want of a companion, she wished me very much to come and live with her (not in a patronising way) she thought she could make it very pleasant for me 'poor woman' I do feel sorry for her it is certainly foolish to be sick old and alone

but yet I would rather work for my living than pass my time with her I should not be surprised if she were to hire some humble companion such as we read of in English books, David spends every evening with her and Fanny comes to her every day but still she says she wants some one living with her.

I had a letter from Miss Gratz yesterday she always asks affectionately after you, she tells me Ellen's husband has failed and they are going to try Baltimore again, her health is no better.

When I have seen Mr. Murray several times he is well but his spirits are still much depressed Murray's marriage will in a measure deprive him of another home for he will hardly like to go there so much where there is a new Mr. Hoffman, he never talks of it and seems to dislike to hear it mentioned. The Rhinelanders have gone out to Heligoland Phil has not given up his intention of travelling to the west this summer so you may expect to see him.

Do I tell you write I have sometimes thought you could advise me of Rev.  letters though I directed them to you told me to beg of it goes by a private hand. I have longed to see you and say I am with you all winter I am such a wretched letter writer that it was satisfaction to me to write. Love to the girls and Mr. W. and hope to the children.

Ever your attached
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