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The sight of your handwriting was indeed most welcome to me dear Sister and your letter the very kind of one I wished to receive about yourself is what I always wish to know and this last year I have heard from you so seldom and know so little of your concerns that I have felt as if I were farther from you even than I actually am, you see I intend to keep my part of the promise of writing oftener, for I am answering your letter on the very day on which I receive it. Before this reaches you the newspapers will have told you, as they have me today the sad news of Phil Rhinelanders death of the particulars I know nothing except that Mr. Poplank heard in the city that he died of Cholera how many it will be a horrible affliction to her to have him die so far away among strangers seems very dreadful, her bright face was saddened for a moment at her wedding when she said to me if Phil and Emma were only here, she little dreamed that one of them would never be here again, when our friends go on a jaunt of pleasure the possibility of their dying away from us here seems

strengthen Mary in her hard trial, when Charles returns to town from his excursion among the mountains I shall hear some of the particulars from him and will write to you at once.

I received Emma's letter informing of her marriage about three weeks ago just after I had written to Matilda and intended to have answered it today until you determined me to write to you first, I rejoice in our dear Cui's happiness and feel a great desire to become acquainted with my new nephew you are all so delighted with him that I am sure I shall like him too it must be very pleasant too for him to have so agreeable a family the sisters especially must a great acquisition to you, I am glad that they are to live in Chicago I was afraid Dr. Malony would travel off further or go South but now you will be so near Matilda and in a civilized place where you have friends, you I suppose will divide your time between the two how much I should like to come out to come out and see you and if we can ever afford it I most certainly shall, but the boys are as George says so like the bucket in a well only one up at a time that I almost despair of ever being rich enough to keep house again much less to travel where I please, but I ought not to repine for I have been really best in homes for nearly three years the only difficulty has been to get away from one kind of place to go to another, I don't know when I shall go to Philadelphia probably next month, I cannot determine until I know what the boys have decided on for the winter, should George be at Albany I would not like to go very far away from him he is unwell now so very cold a climate and it makes me feel anxious about him.

Charles has been with us nearly four weeks living in the woods again Jimmie too is with them and they say they enjoy themselves exceedingly I do not hear often for they get quite out of the way of post offices in their wanderings I must have some news soon though. It is almost time for Charles to go to town and I will have to be in town for College. I suppose you have seen in the paper the death of Mrs. Maria Robinson in London she was ill but two days of Cholera morbus and died perfectly happy and resigned she gave herself up from the moment she was taken ill and had her senses to the last moment, she sent messages of love and kind regards to all she loved at home and prayed that God would support her husband in his affliction, she told her daughters who were with her to remain with their father as long as his business required him to remain abroad. The family are all of course great affliction Kate Thidell is quite ill from grief.

One piece of news I have heard of a friend of yours which I think will astonish you a little, Mary Hemble is engaged to a Mr. Perrot, he is a gentleman who was educated at West Point has been superintendent of the Treasury for some years and lately the partner of Governor Hemble when they are to be married I have not heard but I suppose soon as Mrs. Paulding returns to Washington before long. Love to dear Matilda and Emma and kind remembrances to their husbands, I will write again soon.

Over your affectionate sister
Mrs. Perplank and Mary desire
to be remembered to you and the girls
and Sam would if he knew of your message but I have not seen him since I received your letter
Julia S.

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