

My Dear Catherine

We have begun a New Year but you have received no letter from your aunt who certainly intended that the old year should bear record to the performance of her promise - I received your mama's letter last night and as I have only time to write one letter I must answer some of her letter in yours. Your mama enquired anxiously after your aunt Juliana I have heard nothing directly from the family but learn that Juliana's arrangement is on religious subjects and that she thinks she has had a revelation. I can but hope that the Almighty is leading her to see the insufficiency of riches and pleasures and leading her to the great source of comfort and happiness. We heard that she went to Mr Condit telling him she came to him as the Lord Jesus to protect her from her husband who wished to poison her. I think it very strange that she does not write us - If I hear any thing more I will write. I should go to East Hampton were it not for the baby. I hope my dear Catherine my lay her foundation

on the rock of ages that when the storms and troubles of  
this world assail her she will have God for her portion  
and her strong refuge. — Little Young grows very  
fast she is very fat and would play for you now. — She is a  
great amusement to me. — I heard from Miss Fosdick today  
she is well and in good spirits. Miss Baker is here by my  
elbow she sends her love to you. Do write and often dear  
Catherine I shall expect you to come and see me next  
summer — My love to your papa and mamma and  
sisters — Your affectionate Aunt

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to E. Van Wyke  
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