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My dear Sister

I must again crave your pardon for having so long delayed writing to you to let you know of the safe arrival of Sarah and her little one. They, with their grandmother, arrived safely last Friday morning, both looking much improved. The little one of course has grown much more interesting and I find her of great company, both to Sarah and myself. Indeed I don't know when I will again consent to let them be so long absent from me.

We went directly over to our quarters in Brooklyn from the Boat, and have got somewhat settled in our new habitation, yet from the want of company in the house I fear Sarah will find it too lonesome for her. We will, however, make the trial for a week or two when should our more company come in, Sarah must try and find some place where she may think she will be more comfortable. I took the rooms from utter desperation, not knowing whether to go, and not being blessed with ~~the~~ a fondness for house hunting. With the exception of the want of company we are as comfortably situated as one would wish.

I have not seen Mr. Island since last Saturday when she was still complaining, the improving, her impatience to be about, retards her entire recovery. She speaks of going to Boston some time this week, what for I don't know. nor how she can leave Sarah

a houseful as she has in Leonard st. with no one but Caroline to take charge. The latter is truly of more detriment than service to her. I regret that she should prove herself to be so little worthy of good word. for I once felt quite an interest in her, which has gradually declined until I feel that my former predictions are going way to decided antipathies.

Sarah was to have come over today to assist Mary in making her comfortable for the winter, but it stormed so violently that she was prevented. The sun, however, now shines brightly (11 O'clock), and it is possible she may yet come. She has succeeded in getting a girl who then for both of us are much inclined to be pleased with.

I don't know when Mary intends to send on little "Bell." I believe not until a good opportunity, some one with whom she may be acquainted, offers. She was quite well when I last saw her (Tuesday) and I believe more reconciled to remaining as she had found company in some little girls, boarders at Mary's.

We have all kinds of weather for the past week. Rain, Sun. Cold & heat. just at this writing it is uncomfortably warm.

I hope Sarah will be induced to write for herself. tho I must confess I cannot hold out much encouragement. It seems not to be impossible for her to come here. she likes to letter writing.

She says she feels more a greater wish to see you all now than before she went on. This is natural for she found so much company with you that she feels her loneliness the more. She is quite contented however, and ~~quite~~ reconciled to live away from Boston. The latter she does not seem to fancy as a permanent residence. We have walked out every afternoon since her return, when not too unpleasant, and strolled over nearly the whole of Brookline. Some parts of it are far preferable to New York as a residence, though a little inconvenient for the place of amusement.

Make my respects to your good mother, and all of you must receive my warmest thanks for the good and kind care taken of Sarah and the little girl.

Yours hastily but affly
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