

Hicksville July 1st 1840.

Daily my dearest Emma have I been
expecting to hear of your safety, but ere this you must be a
mother and yet I have no news from you I cannot help feeling
very anxious indeed lest something should be the matter among
you, perhaps though you have been so busy with your new care
and making preparations for housekeeping that you have not
had time, I know too that your spirits have been bad your loss has
been so recent that you have not become accustomed to have her
place vacant and very how she must be missed, I never can
realize that she is gone and find myself thinking of her as still
among you and hear the tones of her voice and her laugh, and
can scarcely persuade myself that they have indeed passed away
forever. It is pleasant to think that after her chequered life
her last year was certainly one of happiness and that in having
the world there were no associations for those she most loved to dis-
turb her mind, her letter last winter to Miss Gratz seemed to breathe of
as perfect happiness as any she would enjoy in this world.
I have been very busy for some time sewing for George's house where

and Charles have already taken up their abode and where I expect to go in the fall as soon as they can afford to furnish a room for me and live with some degree of comfort at present they are living pretty much as they would in the woods with a man of all work to work make beds and take care of the house and wash their beds to be sure until the last - but have not been very difficult to make as they were nothing but mattresses with cloaks for covering but now I have provided them with sheets and pillow-cases I hope they will be more comfortable. The house which George has taken is altogether too large for us so that we cannot occupy half of it but it was the only one he could get, the original house was a stone farm house and has been added to at various times by the different owners until now it covers a great deal of ground and is they say a curious looking building of stone, brick, and wood, yet without comfortable and containing very pleasant rooms though they are thrown together without any system or arrangement, it is pleasantly situated too, a mile and a half from the river in a most picturesque country with beautiful walks and rides in every direction. We intend to begin with a little furniture as may be and live economically though we shall always have a warm welcome for our friends and be able I hope to return some of the many kindnesses shown us in the last three years, I hope by next spring we may have some

hope of seeing you travelling has become so much cheaper in this last year and is so rapid that the distance appears lessened, I am sure some breath of mountain and sea air will do you and Matilda and the children a great deal of good. I hope before many years you may realize enough from your western lands to leave it and come among us once more, as years pass on I feel more closely drawn to you and Matilda than ever and long for your society.

Charles has come up from Burrumast to pass a few days here he brought up his novel with him which is to appear this week in New York and in England I hope it may be profitable to him but book making is a poor business and few authors make even a living, as we will be so near the city Charles will I hope live with us entirely. I was not able to go out of town to see Mary King before I left the city but I heard her health was quite restored by her southern voyage. Lucia Hoffman is I fear getting in very bad health her mother is exceedingly alarmed about her she has a bad cough with pains in her breast and side and every symptom of approaching consumption. Harriet is engaged to a young student of Divinity named Mr. Masters and it is rumored Maria is likely to be soon to Golden Buggles but of the truth of that I know nothing. Miss Gatz in a letter I received the other day sends her love to you and Matilda, Charles sends a great deal love to you both. So I intreat let me hear from you soon if you cannot write ask your husband to do so. My love to my dear Matilda and kind regards to both husbands.

ever your devoted Julia H.

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