

about at the lower part of our garden a small one perhaps a little larger than Mr Shipmans it would be good prospectus sell well at any time. I long for such an one, I am sure, more than ever of our great Castle - will you suggest it to your husband I will bring her into the neighbourhood of all her near friends and when you obtain a monument here you would be enjoying both families at the same time would it not be delightful what do you want of a new house on the plantation for a fleeting transient home, just for the winter - beside it would cost a months work to build one there as here this much inferior - forgo that for the present and think if this plan would not be better - Wilkey to whom I read your message seemed to be much influenced by it but was in quite a hurry to have you come home that he might have his the present - I have the two seminees for lettuce filled with ^{plants} flowers. My sallow is very large six very fresh looking leaves a large flower from the center perfectly erect measuring more than a y^d from the earth. Your birds were full of buds but they have all blossomed.

I believe we have not told you
 that Rebecca Smith is soon to be
 married to a Mr. Scoville at
 New York. I must have told
 you of this. I am still with
 the Society: which was to have met at Dr. Knigge's, but
 hearing of the death of their wise and confidant Mrs. Jeremiah
 Denison who had been as a daughter to them, they preferred
 not to have the Ladies meet there, and it was transferred
 to Mr. Whitney's; and Mrs. P. took the opportunity agreeable
 to promise to call on & read your letter to us; just as she
 had got it opened. James Frame in to call Mary to go: ^{with her} ~~with~~
 her usual tact she (Mary) after a few preliminary observations
 proposed she & Jane should go on, & Mrs. Prichard when
 she had finished her visit to Mother might come, ~~the~~ ^{with her}
 assented, and we were left to contemplate you in your new
 abode and to have a more confidential talk than I had
 ever used to have before, not knowing whether she was what
 a friend ought to be in all respects. I was much pleased indeed
 But now for your letter dated 24th mailed at New Orleans 29th
 rec'd 10th quite encouraging to have it come with so much expe-
 dition, the letter of your kind husband came by that post. I shall
 sooner than any previous, thank him much for it, I shall
 write one of these days, but at present he must be content with
 mine to you, if ~~you~~ ^{you} do not permit him to read them he
 must suppose it is because ~~you~~ ^{you} are ashamed of them, not because
 of their exclusive character, it grieved me that you had not
 rec'd more letters, but ere this I think you must have had them
 more frequent. It was last Wednesday week Mary's letter went
 Mrs. Prichard's will go to day this I shall not be able to
 send this week

Why don't you send the poor lost happy your warm heart's love
 made me - it was not such a minute's entertaining account of
 yourself & household & husband, as I wished to do. I wish you had
 I had not been mistaken in supposing that you had found
 the "very best" I was not at all inclined to hang at the
 article's exhibition of your misdeeds. You know of me a great
 rights in love, hope, conjuring, love that your sister &
 changes & more still experiencing in every day of heaven's
 do but feel to write such a thing. All we all always do
 that it is true though they cost him another some additional love

F.L. Murchock

My dear Henry - You know I am not accustomed to write. On letters - at least not now. But I have been promising myself this satisfaction of writing ~~often~~ ^{now} & perhaps I have not & I shall write to you, as a leaf from my traditional experience may be very useful to him and I can do now is to advise you to obey your husband & be as good as your sister Mary.

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* but your mother and others, you were good to give me
 assistance at as to what it ought to have been, but without that
 where she is, have I found any need for a foundation in
 my retirement and she is not at all in the way of my work
 in the case of the left leg, which my dear wife has
 suggested to my mind. I shall wish the reflection of every evening
 when I look back to a sense of their responsibility, for all my depend-
 able for the improvement of their efforts, have no responsibility.
 Friday evening 12th I have just returned from a meeting at the church

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desire to be instructed in the right way - said by Mr May mean are the same 29 Nov.

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I do not send you our papers for the reason nothing is so converted into a
 then papa & mother wrote me a very polite note, expressing
 of happiness and daughter was conforming with his, & he is
 in. I have not yet seen him. I am in his usual
 still of talking. I have come your letter from there of the 20th
 yesterday the letter from Mr. Wm. Doak telling me of your arrival
 there, I am glad to hear of it. I have written his friends. I have
 both of them. I am going to try of the Wm. Doak and Mr. Doak.
 I am sure you will not think to enquire after them. I do to get
 almost. I am sure they would be much gratified to see you.
 now account of the necessity of the Sabbath was awful. I
 my beloved. I must require great grace to live the life of a Chris-
 tian in such a community. You will see much of our friends
 in the country, to bring the word sense, with which I am
 you do not give way to the destroying influence
 of the world. What then word my beloved I now take
 research here where I am seeking their salvation.
 One of the many good people in the place, at the meeting
 of the American Society, got up and reported that he felt
 that it was of much more importance than any thing
 of the society that he wished to do, that it might
 be a success, and they ought to go to the next meeting, be
 all agreed to and went. My friends however, I am to
 attend and I am to be a problem a very great relief.
 I am sure to become a very happy man. The most of the
 Mr. George was in last evening says young George is one
 of the converts.

how would it be my ^{with} my pious child would she do a little while
 or with the malice of her selection but for some
 tempting temptations will draw her away - that will not do
 beloved we must cast ourselves upon the thought of the Lord
 with boldness. The great the presence of the great the presence of
 assistance in this time of ^{the great the presence of} the great the presence of
 is torn from this life ^{the great the presence of} the great the presence of
 her too much, I will no longer seek for earthly comforts but
 live for eternity but I am precious we choose to be eternally
 separated from one another but I am precious we choose to be eternally
 the shocking of the Lord I felt my self condemned for neglecting
 to go, to all of my children. my darling I feel I
 more faithful too, and see the goodness of God in
 me I read all my labors, but to the stress I have reason today
 it is just as right I am too much engaged with the work of
 the word, I had too much pleasure in seeing my dear daughter
 beloved and admiring by others to improve the season of youth, the
 best time I had for securing the salvation of the soul
 his dear wife, whose I was having a little here and there
 he was gone, he went onto say while Ministers were here
 about many things that I thought not to their location, the
 of their people would be lost, &c. but when he came to speak
 of servants and of their children being called for where
 is John, Peter, Andrew, & then Frances - and the exact ver
 died while the servant was baptizing a little here & there
 he was gone, she was gone, gone into eternity - you may think

unbelief that they I fear have often been but mere mockery
& as to faithful instruction that I have come utterly short you
would have been a Christian long long since, had I been faithful
as I ought, had a sense of the value of your immortal soul
and of my responsibility in any degree adequate to the ob-
ject of my beloved I have been utterly unfaithful God forgive
me & my precious child forgive me & pray that thro' my
neglect she may not fail of eternal life & that now you know

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what are the requirements you must work out your own salvation
with fear and trembling knowing this truth 'tis God that worketh
in you, to will and to do - and that you will apply your heart
to instruction & get wisdom God help you my best loved one so to do
Mrs Richard still confined with her sister whose situation is very
critical - Mrs Avery Babcock died on Wednesday leaving a family
of 5 children - In faith committing all to God

Precious and beloved
I had just prepared my writing implements
and Mrs Rogersol came to see how our little home was
she had just heard he was dangerously ill but we don't
say so but where there is scarlet fever there may
you know be a sudden change its a complaint not to
be calculated upon but thus far (at day) his symptoms
are favorable - it has prevailed much in this season
and in many cases proved fatal one family lost 3 children
another 2 or others 2 Mr Woodsey has it her self but is better
her child which is the wife on the gain. my son
my son John tell I had not time to write much but I
almost determined to write this time to him but as I
found I had so much of domestic detail and something
especially to you I say that I must defer it to you I feel so feeble that
I cannot write but with a tremulous motion I get over it
to tell you what I did yesterday and be my progress
you won't think I must have almost the strength of
vigorous youth - you must know that Mr Wright
gone his duties calling him home or to some other place
Mr Wright almost every after noon address the
members that I mentioned in my last of April 3 or 4
somewhere about that date as matter perhaps you may
not receive it

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but I was going to tell you of my ^{very} tedious performance. It was not
worth saying well you may think I feel on straight, after going
down to the church by this I was back at 8 o'clock and
singing almost every day beside a severe cold, how soon I hope
since this and the ^{time} some days we ~~are~~ would go to meeting during the
winter fast and pleasant and when dismissed it would be short
I was going ~~for~~ many days during the forenoon I have kept at home but
on Thursday after noon I must go to see Mr. Lane he had just been
able to go out, I feared he might be suffering very much and
you have often heard me say how good a temper he was & how
and how much he used to contribute to our comfort & ease
there is an obligation to do for him, he lives the upper part of State
street, all that you know would be a long walk for me - yesterday at
meeting I did some shopping and this evening heard that I would just
go & see if Benette had rec'd your letter, it came by the same mail
that mine did (she will write I think to day) thus my sister & I may
then get under cover and repeat the same tale - your letter of the
6th April post ^{marked} - was ⁱⁿ the arrival late Tuesday 20th I believe - your
account of your ^{marriage} ~~company~~ - quite amused us all your company & affection
travels must have been delightful you speak of the solitude of your
situation as a growing reflection as it must that we must have a
heart to improve it - that I love you well as but believe I must
tell you one thing you can have no dependence on the powers of
a poor mother as you are pleased to term them with your good
will to help you forward, they have been offered in so many
ways by some desire to have it

then who has always felt the want of a good education
I hope my beloved you will be brought to realize you were born
for a higher purpose than to fill a little space for your
own enjoyment I was delighted in seeing the perfect Chris-
tian character exemplified in Mr Jones he is a perfect
character if you & your husband ever attain to such
a degree of Christian excellence I ask no more - you know
my beloved what my heart desire for you is in now is
the best time you may ever have after so long an admo-
nition if it is passed unheeded who next may be made an
example & I have returned to my lone home I am bereft
of my dearest earthly treasure hundreds of miles divide
us & the apprehension that your situation will be so
entirely different and you so young and inexperienced
that you will find yourself wholly unequipped to the
task you in the providence of God are called to perform
or rather perhaps I ought to say have taken upon your-
self - and will be unhappy that I am filled with self
reproach that I ever for a moment could listen to
your entering upon such a life - but your lot is cast
& may God in his mercy bless you & keep you from
all evil tell your husband if he will bring you un-
der a better influence than you have had here for
the last 2 years he will lay one under everlasting
obligation to him -

On Thursday morning I met our dear Rebecca
in the Bowery. she was married on Tuesday evening
came down to N.Y. on Wednesday - I have the remain-
der of the sheet for Mary I find if I write I run into
the same strain & I fear my letter will give you
no pleasure - from my not having returned sooner
I fear you will have reached your destination some
reveral days before this reaches you - and be disap-
pointed - I grieved at not having a letter - little Willy
is well again he runs with open arms to receive me
he has crept into your place in my bed - good
night dear love to dear Ann & your kind husband
may all rich blessings attend you is the best wish
of your affte Mother

My dear Fanny Mother has left some space for us which we are to improve
to the best advantage & say as many things in as few words as possible.
Events have crowded upon us - Rebecca's wedding took place a short
time after yours. She invited the whole of her acquaintance except the
married ones, & of those she invited a favored few, among whom were
your oldest brother & his wife. We were all there in time except David
Bacon & one other - She was married at eight o'clock & the room was
stuffed as full as a pin cushion. She wore a thick white silk & had
a veil of lace ~~over~~ tied up into her hair at the top, & leaving
down to the bottom of her dress - She looked most beautifully & was
almost rivalled by the bridesmaid her sister. After the ceremony
which was performed by her father, she & during which she looked
very pale, (as some of them said) she recovered her good looks &
appeared to be in excellent spirits & talked and laughed during the
rest of the evening as much as any of them, & appeared to be very agreeable
to all - In the latter part of the evening the bride's coach was brought
in & the ring was found by Fanny Whitney & Mr Ely in company &
very suspicious circumstances. If I had time & memory sufficient I
would give you an account of all the young ladies (some of them were
awfully young) & tell you of the dresses &c &c. - Annetta looked beautiful
& had a most splendid bouquet which I begged from her & at last
succeeded in getting by dint of compliments - I went up & addressed
Miss Elizabeth Whitney & had a short conversation with her, but nothing
extraordinary. There was a little young Miss Merwin there once his
a true toad who talked as glibly as if she had been in society for 20
years. - Last Friday we had a meeting of our society at Mr Hill's
All the beautiful of the good old set were there. The Misses Foster, Fanny
have been admitted I was introduced to Miss Andrews who made
very ridiculous by laughing because Miss Mary Hillhouse was rather
awkward in introducing me - Mr Hillhouse had the effrontery to
ask Mr Charles A. Ingersoll if he would like to hear some whiff songs as the
David Bacon was there so David Bacon began to sing & first he sang "If I were
& Tyler too" & then he sang "Old Tip is a coming from Ohio" & then "Roll the balls
roll the balls" &c &c in all I should think a dozen or fifteen - Mr Ingersoll
sitting all the time as if on tenterhooks - Mother came up yesterday, after delaying
a week beyond the time when we expected her we thought it rather hard that
we should have been kept so long without news of her, but were glad if was no word.
This morning I was seized with a terrible inflammation - I just let took
away my breath & now every moment I have a pretty smart tingle, but I hope it will be
better to-morrow - I have a great many more things to tell you - Mary just puts me in
mind to tell you that I splashed myself up very nice before I wrote you so I suppose it
is no great matter though the letter should be rather dull. I have also had Mr Hooker
Mrs Foster here who have produced a slight confusion of ideas by the rapidity & force of their
eloquence - I am glad your husband gives so good an account of you -
Don't it a shame, dear Fanny, that they have crowded by &
into such a narrow space - I have more to say than all the rest
put together; more than you want to hear, but I shall send you another
sheet soon, as soon as I can stand the postage. At present you
must be satisfied to hear that all things went on very smoothly
after you left us. The cake was all prepared very neatly by Miss
Miss H. Foster & myself & sent on in good season & packed down
Rebecca Taylor's wedding was in striking contrast to yours -
The Whitneys were her most helpful friends they sent out all
her invitations; she owed her for the occasion & enjoyed great
glorification on account of the whole affair
Miss Prichard has called frequently to talk you over she is