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My Dear Henrietta,

Owing to the many family duties that have and still appear to crowd up on me....I have delayed or neglected writing to you as I intended some time since yours that was written shortly after you were married, still remains unanswered...yet you did not, I am sure attribute the delinquency to a want or lack of affection for you. Now I feel that it will afford me pleasure to write and aid in some degree to sooth and quiet your feelings to hear from me.

My dear niece you are called upon early in life to experience the sore trial of the loss of a beloved child. He was truly a lovely boy a fond mother's heart is stricken a father's earthly hopes crushed, yet to God he is gone. His parents I trust will learn resignation and submission to the will of heaven and even willing to kiss the rod that's smites. Bitter indeed you doubtless think the cup is, yet we all drink of it, some the very dregs, just that we should, would we not become careless and forgetful of our best interest, thoughtless of eternity, if not afflicted. Think of your lovely child in heaven had blameless lives that you may enjoy him in bright mansions above. Far better that he is taken now than in manhood. Ere sin destroy or error dim the glory of the seraphim.

We are all well, was cheered by a visit from your ma a week or 10 days since, we were speaking of you and your dear family. Papa speaks of having you a visit in company with your ma this spring but he requires much urging now to leave house. Will you not visit us sometime during this year? Get Mr. Gex to come, we are all anxious to form his acquaintance. I have heard your mother speak of him so often that I have persuaded myself that I know him. Mr. R [*Emily's husband Benjamin Robertson*] is preparing to leave in about 10 days for Baltimore. He has a beautiful lot of horses, some fine pairs he thinks will guild a fine profit. I feel that if he returns safely the profit is quite sufficient.

The girls received a letter from Collett a few days since in which he speaks of coming up this spring perhaps to stay all summer with his family. I do hope he may, I am so anxious to see my dear little son, also the balance of the family. Collett wishes Henrietta and Isabella [*Emily's sisters*] to go down with him in the fall. It would be a pleasant trip for them they are anxious to go. The girls all send love to you. I am expecting a Henrietta Blackburn out today to spend a few days. This is lovely weather. I have gardened and some. Mr. R has some gentleman company today, I must close with my best love to Mr. Gex, Virginia, Elizabeth, Edward. Receive my warmest sympathies my dear Henrietta and ever believe me yours in all affection.

Emily R Robertson

write soon

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