

Mrs. Lucy A. Wilcox

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My dear Sister,

Your very welcome note of May 27th was received by the arrival of Mr. J. from the Delegate Meeting.

I had before heard of the hard case of dear little Martha Wilcox, but had hoped that your own health was well nigh restored & was disappointed to hear that you was losing rather than gaining ground.

~~My dear Sister, I know that to hear you dear infant crying for lack of suitable nourishment must bring the heart of the Mother. I know too from experience that we sink under the cruel hardships & multiply before the restoration of health after confinement. But you have had other sorrows which I have not experienced but which have made me weep when I remembered them. Dear Sister, I hope these may now be repeated again, & may these & all your afflictions "work out for you the peaceable fruits of righteousness" But how do you feel in the mere & delightful capacity of Mother. As you gaze upon your darling Son do you not sometimes weep you know not why. Oh! they are precious treasures, & yet how fearful the weight~~

of responsibility pressing upon the
Mother. I cannot face this amazing
night without trembling. Here is a
sacred mind unformed & the ease
of forming conclusions upon the Mother.
It is the immortal being & to exert
if it has influence upon immortal
beings which will tell upon their
destiny in eternity. I never felt
so ignorant & little as since I
realized in some faint degree this
subject. You know some of our
~~reinforcement my mind upon the~~
proper course for Miss Mary Parent
to take with this child. How
you adopted any plan in reference
to your child? How much care do
you intend to extend to it & how
much is to be committed to nature.
I feel incompetent to decide what
is the best course. I wish to be directed
by heavenly wisdom.

My dear little George Pierce
I have not yet introduced to his oldest
Wife & his little cousin Charles Hart.

From this time please to enrol him
among your particular friends. He is a
very little boy for one of his age perhaps
the plump of his Mother thinks him
pretty! He has been a debilitated child
from the first & since the first week
has not had evacuations since the birth.

without the aid of cathartics or the
syringe - the latter usually every morning
We hope that he will ere long as he
acquires strength overcome it & be
healthy. He cries continually, but not
because he is hungry for he has more
than he can dispose of - You know
his little ros. promotion - perhaps that
has had something to do with his
digestive functions -

Dr. has been absent at Newmarket
a month in expectation of Mrs. F.
confinement. A note today says she is
still about quite active.

Mr. Van Dusen has some difficulty
expecting his health so that today he
dispatched a messenger to Wain
to see if Dr. L. would be favorable
to his spending a season with him.

It is necessary for him to repair
to a cooler place - He has given
up building & labor mostly - His
wife is pretty well I believe, & the
little one also - I am in Mr. F.'s
family during the Dr.'s absence. My
own health is becoming tolerably good
better than it has been since I
parted from you at the volcano, before -
but the health of my babe as yet demands
all my time.

Let me hear from you often. Give
particulars. I shall love to see you. With kin
regards to yr. husband & associates & many
kisses for little C. from little G. & his Mother
I remain your sister 22. Andrews