

V.C. Nov. 29, 1868

My dear Brother,

I am in debt three letters to you, I believe, and will [?] all of them to the best of my ability. In opening your letter, I dropped the specimen you sent me and was not able to find it again. Those you were to send by mail, I have not received. I just came up from New York last evening where I spent Thanksgiving. Of course there was a great deal to interest me, and as the weather was charming. I had a most delightful time.

I am exceedingly desirous of coming home this winter. The only thing that hinders me in the least is the distance. The journey will be a long

cold tiresome one. I would not dread the inconvenience of the journey at the time so much as the fear that it might make me sick. However, I think that might be avoided by care. I should not like to make the journey alone at that season, nor should I want you or Carlos to come on here at such an inclement time. I might find company part of the way & one of your could meet me in some such arrangement be made. I shall wait anxiously to hear what you think about it. I received a letter from Carlos the same day yours came. He spoke of going to Portsmouth soon.

I have been thinking too of some means by which your load could be lightened, and you could again find yourself unencumbered[?] by debt. It seems an almost hopeless task to

attempt to rise again with such a load holding you down. You know I have very often said I would do whatever I could to help you and now I am going to verify my assertion.

In order not to be too hasty I have waited a week, and my decision is the same as it was the moment I had read your letter. I shall be glad to have you sell my ten lots, take the money & settle up your debts; and I shall consider myself more than repaid if I may feel that I have been a real help to you in your great life-work.

I hope you will write me soon again, I send you my best love and prayers and long to see you.

Your loving sister,
Annie

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