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My Dear Mrs Hill

My sister received your letter from the hand of a gentleman of your acquaintance, the Rev Mr Hill - he was making morning calls, and looking very well. He acknowledged to keeping late hours, talking with his friends, and writing - I told him I should write you all about it; he said, I might do so. We were very sorry to hear on his arrival how much he had suffered during the voyage.

however, he had a nice quiet  
time, while he remained with  
us, and before the end of a  
week could walk with  
ease - It has been very pleasant  
for ourselves and family to make  
his acquaintance, he is so amiable  
and agreeable, making new friends  
and delighting his old ones - He  
has very pleasant rooms opposite  
the Astor Place Library, which has  
the additional merit of being very  
near the Bible house, doing away  
with the necessity of entering the  
stages or Cabs - a rather trying  
thing, with a tender foot - I have  
seen Mr Hill's niece Miss Sands

who came from the South to be with  
him, she is so fond of her Uncle, it  
must be a real pleasure for him, and  
prevent that feeling of loneliness  
which he might otherwise experience.  
The Spring has been a very backward  
one, no really warm weather, and  
more than our share of rain. Today  
the Sun shines for a wonder, but it  
would not be safe to venture out  
minus an umbrella. I hope the  
Admiral has visited Athens, and  
you have seen my nephew - he would  
no doubt enjoy what must be  
dear to every lover of classic lore -  
I suppose Mr Hill keeps you  
well informed as to the political

state of the country - and as to his  
own future movements - when I last  
saw him he had hopes that you  
would join him, his niece when  
I first saw her seemed to desire you  
should give up your mission and live  
with herself and sister in Virginia -  
I thought it a rather Utopian idea  
as your long residence in that sunny  
clime, would unfit <sup>any</sup> one for the present  
dread realities of the South, since the  
War - But we hope and trust all  
will be well, and our Country united  
and prosperous as of you - My sister  
Catherine joins me in love to con-  
sist Elizabeth, Frederica yourself and  
niece - from Bro. Wm. -  
C. W. W. W.