

that he had ten thousand  
a year!!! so if ever I have  
occasion to mention him  
again I shall call him  
ten thousand a year. We  
intend taking <sup>him</sup> to see some of  
the young ladies this afternoon.  
I shall write to you again on  
Thursday and if Lily is not  
quite well I shall write on  
Saturday. So by my silence (which  
in this case will speak) you  
will know that all is going  
on well at home.

Now good bye my dear friends  
I hope you will have a safe  
and pleasant journey and that  
you will find every thing  
agreeable on your arrival.

All send beams of love in which  
they are joined by your friends  
"Aunt" Martha

between July & Sept 1858

Dear Ann  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Decr

My dear friend,

According to promise  
I sit down to inform you of the  
state of Lily's health, and am  
happy to be able to report it as  
much improved. She sat up  
yesterday afternoon, played  
with her dolls and looked  
as happy as usual.

Ellen complains a little but  
I hope that in a day or two