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A letter from our Cousin Margaret Joliffe informs of Fanny's being still unable to walk without crutches - what a change for her poor girl! Cousin William calls it "a mysterious dispensation of Providence". And it does appear to be so. May it be blessed to her. My dear sister Susan said during her last sickness, "health & prosperity are dangerous - but adversity is a blessing." Dear Cousin Margaret, I do so often feel the want of thy company, and dear Cousin Sally - more than ever since my sisters have both left me - that if I could dispose of my property here, I should not hesitate very long about returning to Maryland.

But how knows it would take much more to live there, than here - so I will say no more about it. - Only it would be pleasant to be near my beloved relatives the remainder of my days. - The temperance movement of which I wrote in my last letter to you is still progressing. - It is truly wonderful what these earnest "Murphy Bays" as they call themselves have done even in this place. to rejoice the hearts of families whose husbands or brothers have been intemperate. The blue ribbon as a badge, may be seen on the breasts of many on the streets, who formerly went reeling along a disgrace to all connected with them. - It is earnestly recommended to mothers & wives, or heads

of families, that they be careful to use ~~the~~ little spirits of any kind ~~in~~ for sauces, preserves &c. Knowing that an appetite for strong drink is often formed in that way, & kept up by use, until it becomes a habit in men, as well women. -

17th First day afternoon. -

Clear and warm. - The girls have gone to meeting, & I am entirely alone. Roses & honeysuckles combine their fragrance around the doors & windows. The Baltimore Oriole made its nest in a tree near as did a dear mournful dove, a blue bird, & sparrow. The Cat-bird partly supplies the song of the Mocking bird, which is found here only in cages brought from other places. There are no "Whippoorwills" - which does not grieve me at all, as I never admired their music much, so can dispense with it.

Henry writes there is a prospect of my moving - which I was glad to be apprised of. Please let me hear from you - Will not the dear daughters write & let us know how it fares with you? - Going into summer quarters or summer resorts, I doubt not.

I write but little when it is intensely warm. have to reply to poor dear Joshua Plummer's letters - who has so many privations - but seldom can pass over a month