

but remember the kindness, and hospitality of thyself and husband, on such occasions.

Thanks for the message of Cousin Elizabeth S. Hopkins, the girls and myself do not forget her or her children, and am glad she can be with thee. Am sorry that Cousin Deborah Thomas's health has failed so she could not attend G. Mtg. I consider her one of the excellent of earth. From a late letter from our cousin M. Joliffe, there seems no hopes of improvement in the health of Cousin Rachel. How sad! She wrote of a son of Barclay Hopkins from Louisville, calling to inquire concerning his father's sisters, Louisa & Emaline.

If thou rememberst, Robert Barclay Hopkins went to Kentucky many years ago, where he married, strangely enough, Kate Ewing - daughter of Judge Ewing of Louisville, & a member of Congress. We were invited to attend the home bringing at cousin Gerard Hopkins. An uncommonly handsome bride & groom certainly.

I think this was after your removal to Balt. Please inform me in thy next, if Louisa

is still living. Betsey informed of Emaline's death some time back. Judge Ewing's family stood high in wealth and position. It may be that the young man was commissioned to give his aunts substantial help, if he found them living. Grace Shreve knew them in Louisville. 17th The weather is mild, the grass green, and many birds flitting around; the girls have birds and flowers, take several Magazines, and papers to amuse and profit by, and the children, Phil. and Mary take up their attention often. They are not going to be 'small' like some of our family! Phil. is more than 5 feet high, and Mary at 12 is almost as tall as her Aunt Kate. Philip Senior, since he gave up the use of tobacco, has increased in size, weighing 180. Continues to be a man of sterling integrity, and much devoted to his wife and children.

I have not heard from Mary Keys lately. Give her a letter - and must not forget it. How dost thou pass thy time?