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Sister Rose

Your

Dear Mother, Communication addressed to Amanda on the 4th ultimo is rec^d. We were doubly gratified in its reception, since it contained some of the long looked for likenesses of distant friends - I should not have recognized Sister Ellen, nor scarcely, that little niece Miss Olivia. The young ladies have both grown much faster than my imagination, they happily possess in a striking degree, that jewel of the features a beautiful countenance, which, not only adorns the possessor but is to the physiognomist ~~it is an~~

But is also indicative of the noblest sentiments, and purest purposes of life. For these favours we are pleased to return you all our thanks. And will reciprocate in kind, so far as we are, at this time prepared. As Lora having had her style of beauty copied a few days since, is anxious to have it ^{placed} on exhibition in her Grandmother's Album she was our baby when Mr & Raymond arrived in Oregon. They were in the habit of calling her Betsy for several years, telling ^{her} that she favoured her Grandmother. This pleased her so much that she preferred that appellation rather than her own. My impression is that she favours

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Dear Lizzie

Your letter of Jan 24th we had pleasure of receiving in due time - But nothing having transpired worthy of note, during the time intervening since addressing you. I therefore deferred answering until the present date

Since I last wrote you, I have heard directly from Mother and all my Brothers & Sisters, also from Olivia Annie and Lora of course

More now, than did either of my sisters at your age - She is quite artistic in her tastes, frank, and generous, as you will readily perceive from her countenance - Olivia also favours you, and is I think the handsomest of the four. Have you received her photograph? You informed me that Mrs Carroll had recently visited the Leavitts family in Richmond. That Aunt Precilla prepared dinner whilst Olivia and Ellen attended a Spiritual Circle. I am glad to know that she has not grown to infern to enjoy the comforts and friendships of life - I know that on my boyhood, she was ever ready to befriend me, and for those kind offices which she so frequently performed on my behalf, I shall ever hold her in grateful remembrance - my recollection is that she is some four or five years your senior