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My dear Miss Mercer

Excuse the
intrusion of an old woman in
this busy scene now before you
I merely wish you to let your Dr
know of your intended voyage (perhaps
he already is aware of it, in that case
my advice is unnecessary) but what
I mean is, he can give you what
will prevent your being sick at sea
I say no more on that subject a
word to the wise is enough!!!

Now my dear young friend may
the God of peace keep you

Mind in perfect peace and
be ever as a wall around you
May you find him to be your
strong tower and your rock
and hiding place in troublous
times and who are exempt at all
times from some trials, On your
very out set, you are tried by the
tears and fears of a Mother ever dear
to you, and while you are satisfied
you could not act otherwise, you
still ^{find} an ache that forbids the smile
of joy to pervade your lips —
Amidst it all I hope you and he
who is to be yours will bear up
and by prayer to God commend your
parents to your heavenly father who
is able to sustain them in the hour
of trial, I trust that your Mother
will yet have cause for gratitude

to God that you went so far away
I mean by that the health you
may arrive ^{at} will give her joy
and the prospect of your coming
even for a short period in perfect
health will shew her that your
heavenly father orders all things
will, he appoints the end and
limits of our habitations —

I pray God that you
may be conveyed safe across the
mighty deep and find in your
new country a home as dear
to you as the one you now leave
Parents you can never forget
and your new parents will never
expect you to do so, but new duties
will in a certain measure ~~blunt~~
blunt the edge of parting scenes
but I ought not to trouble you
so my dear sister in Jesus adieu
May you indeed be happy is the
sincere wish of Cabb Can ^{and} Bowie