

the evening before the New Year we
went in our plain black silk
dresses to a family party at Baron
Louis. I had the pleasure of seeing
a merry circle of little boys at
home for the holiday days, & this evening
visitors of young Louis - Early in
the evening a table was spread
with all sorts of things - puddings
work boxes baskets of bonbons &c.
& all the young people had a tuckin
in the lottery consisting of them -
the prizes were numerous - when this
was finished they had a beautiful
pencushion, in which only the ladies
were allowed to take a chance - &
I was the fortunate name. Then followed
a beautiful painted port folio &c. It was
a lively interesting scene. The cards
were call by a nephew of Madam
Louis young Hugo who is also a
nephew of Victor Hugo & he did his part
well. Then followed the supper & tea

when you were constantly
with me to hear - I was
well. I was very much
G. B. that you were expected in
London next week. It is
us, & yet I feel as if we were
bored. Now we are looking
seeing you here. Do you know that
your visit I have intended to return
to Boston in the early spring.
The infant Mr. Augustus Smith's
sister I received a letter from a few days
a few days ago in which she tells
her of the birth of Sarah's son & speaks
of Mary as perfectly restored. She is

very much afflicted by the death of
your Grand Father. I wish he was
to her a most kind & devoted Parent.
I can easily sympathize in her feelings
for I was attached to him & grateful
to him for his tender kindness to
my dear Sister his ready sympathy
added very much to her happiness.
You must be sad to be from home, we
always must at such a time.

When we parted from so many
dear friends we could not but
fear that some among this number
we should never meet again but
an ear short sightedness we fancied
which would be taken to their long
home. I little thought that Leggie
Barnes would survive his youth
& healthy brother. Susan writes me
that Leggie is a support & comfort
to her Mother & that Leggie's state of
health had prepared both her Mother
& herself for any event & that they

were enabled to bear this affliction
with more resignation than the former.
I think so much of your Uncle Barness
the third child that he has lost in his
absence. Your Brother William has
brought your Grand Father's pen - but
I dare say I tell you nothing but what
you have heard before.

We are all enjoying Paris very much
particularly your Uncle Lowell
& I shall be sorry when we break
up in the Spring. It will seem like
casting ourselves upon the world
again. John is a nice correspondent
since he went home. He is very
happy making one of Lue's family
he tells me he finds it an extremely
well regulated one. I little Leggie
he thinks he must be allowed to
consider very bright. She supplies
Sarah's place in working here in the
morning &c. We have been prevented
from joining in any of the party, but



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