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## Letter from Mary Weeks Manning, Brooklyn, New York, to Anne Whitney, 1860 May 16

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Brooklyn May 16/60.

In Elisabeth's half dark-  
-ened room beside our dear  
-sleeping <sup>med. Galorsky Sister of Koscauth</sup> Moansy, ex-  
-sister, I catch the pen to  
-speak to you. I could  
-have done it earlier, & I  
-know not why I did not  
-for there have been free  
-moments, though we have  
-been indeed busy, as we  
-nurse her. It is so grateful  
-to be served by those who  
-love — She fully appreciates  
-it — Our experience has been  
-rich (certainly mine) — you  
-shall know of it when you  
-give us that day or days as  
-you can when you flit  
-homeward — I wish you could  
-see her this moment, for

her mourning has  
abated & a beautiful  
calmness is on her face.

She requested Mr Longfellow  
one perfect Sund. P.M. to join  
with her & her four sons in  
Holy Communion — After the  
prayer (so fit) & the bread  
& wine she called her 4  
sons to her bed where they  
knelt, & in Hungarian she  
offered fervent prayer & blessing  
putting her hand on the  
head of each — After the  
weeping, sons left the room  
she talked with Mr L. of  
the sweet peace with wh  
her soul was filled — so  
the struggle of death was  
passed — then requested  
him to attend her funeral  
she still feels that she  
is waiting in the anteroom

ready any moment to  
be called — Her life's  
history has been spoken  
to my soul — I rejoice  
that her earth-struggles  
are so soon to end though  
she may continue many  
weeks yet — & you see her  
again — Thank you for  
your pleasant note with  
Ade's — She is busy with  
her German — I have been ill  
for two, or three days & Ade has  
taken my place as nurse  
& given great satisfaction

— How charming this season  
is tho' now we have a little  
winter weather —

As you hear direct from  
your brother I will not  
speak of them —

The astounding news  
of Mr S I am sure you  
have heard - We  
shall be minutes when  
he leaves us - O how  
my poor friend coughs  
she just said "Will it  
ever end?" - Aunt is  
doing every thing for every  
body - I fear she will wear  
out - We had company all  
the time our friend has  
been here - I am sure much  
love would be sent by  
all the household if they  
knew I was writing you  
so please take it - & if  
you are not too busy  
write us again - for you  
are blessed in giving

Yrs aff M Manning

[Mary Weeks]