

Robinson" to dedicate the church. He now  
expects Mr. Morrill. I have received two  
letters from him since I returned. He is  
anxious for me to come up, but I have to  
deny myself some things. I think Jeff Davis  
and his clique are responsible for a great  
deal. - Sister Ganny says she would have  
written but she has some society work she  
is compelled to do. She says she is rejoiced  
it is a boy though she misses getting a namesake.  
She now despairs of ever having one, but I  
tell her never fear. - We had a grand parade  
of the "Home Guard," etc. yesterday and display  
of fireworks <sup>last night</sup> yesterday. The children enjoyed  
it of course. Sue does not go out much as  
she soon tires of walking, but she is so contented  
here. She is the best child I ever saw. Every  
body about the house says so. I must now  
write to give Mother the good news. Kiss  
the little stranger for me. With many wishes  
for yours and the little one's well doing

Believe me your aff. sister

Please do not let Richard  
criticize this letter.

Lizzie

Sue says "Let her stay here with Aunt  
Ganny" that you have enough babies; but the  
next minute "I want to go to Longton to see my  
little baby brother, he won't Friday morning  
have any little Sue" etc.

My dear sister Mary,

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I have just  
been up to see Aunt Nancy and to have  
a dispatch sent to Richard that she  
would come. We all congratulate <sup>you</sup> upon  
the safe arrival of the little stranger  
and the well doing of the Mother. Of  
course he should have some patriotic  
name, George Washington or one of the signers  
of the "Declaration" as he was so patriotic  
as to make his advent upon the day  
of our National independence. (Clay, Webster,  
(Boly) or Buckenridge, (as I consider the latter  
as true a patriot as any our country now  
possesses) Allow me to congratulate you  
upon its being a son. The first exclamation