

My own precious Minnie  
your letter spoke to my heart  
just words as ~~no~~ other tongue  
could have done - and brought  
back to me - the scenes in  
which the beloved departed  
was the comforter - in an  
affliction which he felt, as  
you do our present bereave-  
ment - Alas! My Dear Child -  
these final separations  
from those who make up our  
earthly sum of happiness, are  
reminders of our trials here, and  
prepare us for the change  
which must come to all.  
May God keep us mindful



of all our duties & obligations  
and most of all of submission  
to His will. We have been  
in great anxiety about  
your Uncle Hyman, who  
is now I hope recovering from  
a severe attack of gout -  
it came on in so questionable  
& shape as greatly to alarm us.  
seemed ~~straying~~ about in  
dangerous parts - affected  
his head & chest not with  
decided gout - but <sup>in a</sup> most  
uncomfortable manner -  
at present however it is  
in the hour time and  
I hope almost subdued.  
Grace has been a great  
comfort to us in all our  
afflictions moving with



The tenderness of a woman  
and her father's love -  
but dearest Minnie, I can  
write no more - except to  
send my best love to your  
dear Husband & children  
and to assure you that we  
are all well - I went to see  
your Aunt Marys on Monday  
Evening & found her well, and  
good as human being can be -  
God Bless you all

Yours affectionate  
Aunt Rhoda

Living 7<sup>th</sup> 1857

Remember me affectionately  
to Mrs Minnie and the girls.