



Your loving Missives, My
Darling Minnie, came too
late! too late to be responded
to by the warm heart, that
so cherished all the devoted
affections bestowed on her!

My dear Sister, the last of all
the rich treasures God had be-
stowed on me, in that tender
relationship, - had gone before
your letter arrived.

Every one tells me - and my
own heart tells me too, that
she departed in a blessed time.
Aged - "well stricken in years"
she died without pain or
suffering - the last day of her
life was bright & cheerful in
the society of her children -

it was near 11 o'clock at
night, they sent to tell me she
was suddenly taken ill. I was
soon at her bed side. I left her
no more, a slight chill & faintness
gave the first alarm, and at 2 o'clock
the next day she expired!

her consumption never left her
while living, she was prepared
for her change, and sunk into
the sleep of death, as serene and
placid as a child could sleep
in its mother's bosom.

With all these consolations to
shrink to my heart - my dear
Miriam - there is the deep, deep
sorrow, that bereavement of those
so tenderly loved, so daily the
objects on whom my eye dwell
and all my stock of happy

up was centred - The com-
panions of a long life.
to mourn for -

Sara Merdian went home
on Tuesday, & Josephine will
go tomorrow - Horace has told
you about your sisters - Picky
& her little daughter are much
better than when I saw them
in the summer - I shall be
anxious about Sara for the
next two months until her
trial is over - which I pray
may be safely passed through.
she is languid in health - and
the sorrows of these last twelve
months affect her deeply.
embrace your children for me.

and give my best love to your
Dear Husband - I hope his
Neuralgia is cured before this -
a letter from Gray says
Befrue will accompany Frank
Blair's family to Washington
on her way to spend the win-
ter in N. Carolina with her
mother's relations.

Julia & Grace desire their
love to you & Mr Cohen -

God Bless you my dear
Minna, pray for your ever
living & devoted Aunt
R.H.

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