

My Dearest Children

What can I say to you
this sad day, except that my
heart & thoughts are with you -
Dear Morrie's letter has just arrived -
I would echo his words - of sorrow -
That Dear Minnie had arrived at
such a moment - did I not feel that
it is a consolation for ye all to be
together when the Judge of all the
earth has visited you, with his
"Just Judgment." To have seen your
revered Father "depart in peace"
has been your prayer, ever since
you have witnessed that the end
of his days approached - and that
the remnant must be to him only
days of suffering! God Bless you
My Dear Children, and comfort you!
My Dear Bessy has many memories
to console her, in her grief; for

she has enjoyed the privilege
of performing many kind duties
in her daily intercourse with
her Parent. But she will miss
his presence. - O how much, my
own lonely heart can tell!

Your Uncle Jo is well and
sends you his love & sympathy.
Offer mine to your poor bereaved
Aunts & Uncle - and believe
me while I live, always your
most affectionate Aunt,
Orlinda

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