

Swannock September 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

My precious Aunt

I have just received  
dear Horace's letter telling me  
of your continued good health  
for which I feel very grateful,  
for the heat of this summer seems  
to have been very trying every  
where - My dear husband has  
been suffering for the last fortnight  
with an attack of Rheumatism  
& though its acuteness has passed  
away, he is still far from well.  
This is a month of sad memories  
it bears the record of my first win-  
ter, the death of our loved Brother,  
& then too of our dear Father.  
He lived to a good old age &  
was taken away from the evil  
to come, for I have often thought

during these last four terrible  
years how much he would  
have suffered — God alone  
knows what my mental  
sufferings have been from the  
first to last — each day do  
I feel more poignantly the  
loss of our precious son —  
each day reveals to us how  
entirely our earthly hopes &  
happiness were gathered up in  
that loved being — & oh how  
dark & desolate the future  
is to us without him, to  
lean on, in our old age & to  
protect our darling daughters  
when we shall be no more. —  
Dear Belle & Fanny do all that  
devotion can dictate to soothe us —  
Their love is no common one for  
their beloved brother was every thing  
to them. — So gentle, so loving, & so  
wise in all his counsels, so perfect

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