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What words of consolation can I offer you
my dearest brother! my heart partakes of your sorrow,
and weeps over your disappointed hopes - your bereaved
affections - the sweet boy you mourn, had so many of his
dear Mother's noble qualities in his character & disposition
that I do not wonder he was ^{your} pride & delight - alas, that
he should have been so soon recalled by the Almighty
whose judgments are just, and whose ways are past finding
out." so young and pure was your darling son - that he
was fitted for the joys of heaven, and He who has given
you many treasures to love and to cherish, has drawn
you nearer to Himself, by placing this precious one among
his angels. My dear Sister's affliction is never absent
from my thoughts - would I could be with her when my
love & sympathy could avail to soothe her anguish -
how anxiously have I anticipated the coming
winter, hoping to have your happy family here, but
my dearest Mother, bring what you still have -
and you are still rich in blessings - a change of
scene may be salutary to you all, and we claim the
privilege of sharing your feelings and administering
to your comfort - many trials we have borne together,
and we first learned to love your dear Maria when her
young heart was rent by grief - worse than my Brother
My dear Sister, bring us your sweet children, and be assured

whether it pleases God to visit us with joy or sorrow -
in all conditions & at all times you will find nothing
but love & sympathy in your ever faithful, attached

Sister R.G.

Ellen is better, tho' still confined to her bed - she unites
with our sisters & brothers in tenderest love to you & Maria
the girls & Horace embrace you likewise, they have wept
they still weep for their angel cousin -

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