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My Beloved Brother, It is a
consolation to think that you
have been so recently here
that you were with our Dear
Joe in his illness. While yet he
could feel the blessing of your
presence and exchange the
loves & sympathies of that devo-
ted affection which grew up
between you, and which has
sweetened the lives of all our
beloved Parents families. I can
tell you little of our departed
Brothers last few days - very
few after you left - were clear
or defined in any way - but
by the progress of his disease -
he suffered less apparent an-
-guish - but seemed to sink
into that quiet quieting to

nature are the possessors of mind
and body. which precludes the
useful education. alas, alas!
with all he suffered. I still feel
as if I could hardly reconcile
myself to the sad reality that
he is no more! - that his place
is empty. his noble heart
cold in the silent grave!

our Brother My new was
so ill too. that I believe I was
too anxious about him, to know
how much I had to grieve for,
but thank God he is better
to-day. he has been a week
in his own chamber, after
passing a much longer time
in Horner's unable to move
on account of Gout in his knee
we hope in a few days he will
be able to get down stairs, the
most he has now to contend with
is great debility & loss of appetite

wishes - don't think me so
selfish, My Dearest Bea, as to wish
you to take another winter jour-
ney to visit us - we know your
thoughts & feelings are of our
company - and they will continue
me to be cherished on both sides,
till we meet - and till we
part forever - God Bless
you My Dear Brother ever
believe in the devoted affection
of your sister R.G.

Julia & Horace send their
love to you - and to all -

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