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My Dear Ben

our excellent and benevolent
Aunt Belle closed her earthly pilgrimage last
night at 12 o'clock, after a few days illness
I was with her afflicted family - and have just
returned home for the night - to morrow her remains
will be deposited in their last resting place - she
had completed her seventy seventh year in full possession
of her faculties and with as few infirmities as
could be expected at that advanced period, and
the devoted attachment of her affectionate children
made her as little a sufferer by the decay of these
natural powers as they could - Poor Rachel says
her "occupations" gone" and indeed I believe it will
be long before she or her sisters will become reunited
to this mortal - the rest of the family are all well
No much grief at this dispensation I hope
My beloved sister is well - tell her I should have written
to tell her how very successful her favorite nephew
Mr Brown, and Mr Hanna have been in the general
campaign their agreeable efforts have made - but the
illness of my dear Aunt has occupied all my
thoughts - embrace the dear children for me, and
if you can dispel this deep sorrow - add the ardent
and devoted affection of your sister and believe me always
in real love - mindful of you my beloved Ben & two yours
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