

your grief my dear sister has entered my heart
 and I weep for what you suffer - and suffer
 more than I can tell for the danger & desolation by
 which you & my beloved brother are surrounded. no
 human reason - nor human aid can avail to speak
 of comfort or relief - but be the great and Merciful
 God - whose power & glory is manifested in the terrors
 of his spreading pestilence - and "the succoring love which
 even in wrath remembers mercy" - to him you have
 poured out your sorrows, and I trust his peace has
 entered your soul - yes my dear sister, if ye are joined
 to each other, to rear your tender offspring, and imitate
 the excellent being, to whom you have performed the last
 duty of affection, your hearts will still glow with grati-
 tude, and be comforted - the keenness of that pang which
 has separated you from a mother's arms, will make you
 cling more fondly to your tender children, and guard
 your life for their sakes, & nothing in this hard world
 is like a mother's love! you & I dearest grew under
 its shelter, and felt all its worth, before we were called
 on to resign the blessing. you have indeed, been suddenly
 bereaved, but you had the consolation of receiving her
 blessing, and seeing her depart in peace - in a good old
 age removed from coil to come" - Oh my sister, grieve not
 for the few years which might have been added to your
 dear Parents life, in the course of nature - since it has pleased
 God that she should rest from her labours, before her

strength yielded to infirmities & the energy of her
mind diminished - how dear to memory will all
your recollections ~~be~~ of her - her last residence on
earth was with you - and your husband adminis-
tered to her latest wishes the duties of a son -

for ever blessed my dear sister, may you both be
here & hereafter in the love & virtues which unite your
hearts to do good wherever the power is given -

My dear Ben's excursions to relieve the afflicted
will I hope be visited on him for a blessing. may
good angels guard him -

I hope tomorrow will bring me a letter from you
written in more composure of mind. endeavor to
attain composure as a preservation of health. I trust the
cholera is abating. it is now two weeks since its dreadful
ravages began. and as so many have fled it can
have nothing to feed its fury - in thickly populated places
its continuance has not been longer than a few weeks.
I hope Milly has recovered - and that all the rest of
your household will escape -

The post mark of dear Ben's letter was dated 10th & we
received it on the 15th - this would have appeared in ordi-
nary times wonderfully quick - but five days seems an
age when every hour is marked by anxiety. the fam-
ily are all well - all eagerly anticipating the mail home.
and they send love & loving wishes to you - God bless
you, my sister & brother, sleeping & waking my thoughts are
with you, I reserve the other page for Jo. embrace your
dear children for me and believe me ever your devoted sister
June 16th 1833 Rg.

found if you want any - I can do me at any right
 you think fit, for all that you require - five days
 or any other that will suit you best - It will not put
 me to any inconvenience, and you will not be doing yourself
 or me justice if you do not make use of me, should you
 require it - I write this at Beary's desk - but will address
 you again soon - Dearest Charles and you dear Ben
 believe me truly yours

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