

April 28th -

The fatal news has just reached us - and our tears
mingle with yours over the early grave of our Beloved Charlotte.
The disappointment of a fond parent's heart, must be great indeed -
and can only be mitigated by the reflection, that the stroke was
given by an unerring hand. She was a blessing only lent for a short
mortal period. bearing from her birth, indications that the fragile
form would soon yield to the power of death. While the perfection
of her heavenly soul, scarcely tainted by its earthly ~~threshold~~
was prepared to enter the glory - to which all our hopes point -

To you my dear Friend who have ever cherished her with
such fondness & delight. the consolation of having fulfilled every
duty is sufficient, with your due reverence to the will of God.
to reconcile you - and with the affection of your remaining
children, and the support of your Beloved wife, I trust you will
soon regain that portion of happiness which may yet await
you -

My Beloved Maria, shrouded in Affliction! What can your
poor friend say to comfort you - I fear, dear sufferer! you would
think the attempt presumptuous - Accept then, my sympathy
my love, my flowing tears as a tribute, and let me in return
hear how you, now, as ever, rise superior to my weakness -

My Sister, tho' still ill, is better than she was yesterday
and our alarm is somewhat subdued.

May God, pour the balm of consolation
on your afflictions. My dearest Friends Henry & you
Sincerely & affectionately R Grady

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