

await, yet there is one Comforter, who has said, that he will be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless. In him, my dear sister, let us place our trust and confidence and in our time of need, he will not forsake us. Oh, let us live, so that when we may be called hence, we may be prepared for the summons.

I did not know, until I heard of your father's death how much love I felt for him and his family.

Please remember <sup>us</sup> ~~me~~ most affectionately to <sup>your</sup> mother, and Fanny and Lizzie. Ma joins us in sympathizing most sincerely with you and the family in the heavy loss you have sustained. May the Lord give you his comforting grace. I would write <sup>more</sup> "could I believe you of one drop of affliction, I can add sympathy but not relief.

I apprised your Cousins of their Uncle's death, they sympathize deeply with you. Mrs Spillman wishes she could be with you in your affliction, she can truly feel with your dear mother in her loss, having had sad experience for her teacher. I suppose your Uncle will reach you to night, he left as soon as he received brother's letter. But I <sup>must</sup> close as I feel too unwell to write more. Mr Blatterman is not at all well, teaching and Louisville, do not agree with him. Remember us to father's family. Write to me as soon as you can, you know a letter from you is always truly acceptable to your affectionate sister

Ellen

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