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It seems long since we had a letter from any of your family; - & fear the effects of this late trial on dear Cousins Eliza and Sally. Our love is to each & all. I'll cousin John, he has been a good brother, & done what he could for his family - & I hope he will take comfort in thinking of this, & of the love which bound you all together. - I seem to see dear Cousin Hannah, in her unselfish way, trying to alleviate the affliction of others - forgetful of self; - she will have her reward. - May you all be strong in the Lord - for truly ~~there~~ is strength in weakness & a present help in every needful time. And dear Cousin Margaret to whom else can we look for help? May we do what we may find for our hands to do, in his counsel - remembering (and I often think of it) what thou said to me when here last we are the old people now. - Although it seems hard to realize, it is never the less true, and before long we must pass away, leaving our places ^{to others}.

My dear Sister Catherine & Lizzy, join me in much love to Cousin Miles Jane & Francis - & also to thy dear self - br's, thrs & Sisters, most affectionately, thy Cousin
Rachel ~~H. H. H.~~ Ken's

N.B. Philip was with on first day himself & Mother well, being much with Arundel & Maillon, whom they were with us, & often seeing their father, he seems to have been particularly drawn towards him in affection & expressed sorrow for his loss. & sympathy for his cousins, & was left like himself fatherless in a world, where he has found that trials often abound.