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And Oh! My dear, this must eventually come to us all. In the words of the blessed Savior. "One will be taken, and the other left." And how good the Lord was, dear cousin, not to permit him to suffer with lingering illness. All in mercy to thee, as well as to him. To be able to be up, and about almost to the last. -

His Christian courtesy, and affectionate conduct, during our visits with you of late years, endeared him to us all; and the girls had many things to relate of his cheerful ways, and pleasant conversation at home, which will long be remembered by them, as well as thy unfailing love, manifested in many ways. -

I handed Philip dear Jane's letter when he came last evening, after reading it, he sat awhile in silence, and said

"I hardly know which I think the most of, her, or Cousin Sally" - and wished his love and sympathy given you. -

Sister Hannah continues very feeble, gets up and down stairs with difficulty; requires much watchful care, & attendance, such as her faithful daughters are not disposed to delegate to any others to perform. - I have thought much of dear Cousin Sally through the winter, in such feeble health; our united love is to her, dear creature! also to Francis White, and deeply do I feel for him in the increased responsibility now resting upon him. - To dear Jane, with many thanks to her ^{for} fulfilling my wishes, and thus although so far apart, giving us an opportunity to share in your sorrows!

The girls & Sister Hannah join me in most affectionate love to thee. May the Lord bless thee - and keep thee continually. My dear friend and Cousin - is the fervent desire of thy Cousin Rachel.