

B. P. Moore wrote me a beautiful letter, on the occasion of Cousin Thomas Hopkins's death, & sent a paper, which was kind and thoughtful; since which Cousin M. Joliffe has written twice - but made no allusion to Cousin Rachel's having been paralyzed. Of course she would not like to do so. -

But I thought strangely of her not writing - as we have corresponded occasionally, for many years. - Always delicate, a little frail body - and a put all her life, especially with dear Cousin Leggie. I sympathize with them truly - and do hope the warm weather, and a change of air & scene, perhaps - will be beneficial to her. - (10th Second day. -

Dear Cousin Margaret, how many of our relatives & friends, have gone before us, to try the realities of another state of existence!

Cousins Thomas & William seemed so healthy, & strong - that I never thought of surviving them. - I was looking over some of my letters lately - thinking it better to destroy - some

at least, as strangers would not be interested in what does not concern them, and found myself laying aside first one, then another, as too precious to part with. One very interesting - Cousin Miles wrote for thee to me, while you were at Watkins's Glen, giving a description of the wild beauties of the place, I laid by me, another from dear Cousin Sally - and one from Cousin Eliza, while she & Cousin S. were staying quietly in the Country, while the rest of the family had gone on summer excursions, to various places. - All were so characteristic, so expressive of the affection that always bound our families together. - One from thy dear Mother, showing her care for us, after she went to Balt. - A package of 11 letters from Cousin William Hopkins, ^{written} at different times, after dear Sister Hettie's death, expressing deep concern for my interest - and giving kind instruction in business; but best of all - showing his unshaken trust in Divine Providence - writing, what there had not been opportunity