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but a fresh token of his tender love — for surely there are stricken hearts that can acknowledge gratefully, "In very faithfulness thou hast afflicted us". — I have indeed been very far from being forgetful of you, in your hour of trial, when wave has followed wave in quick succession, till some among you may have been almost ready to exclaim "Let not the water-flood overwhelm us neither let the deep swallow us up". — By night and day, my heart has followed these, in close and tender sympathy, having myself partaken largely of the bitter cup, which the all-merciful and loving Father sees meet to administer to every one of his adopted children — not for his pleasure only, but their profit and for this blessed purpose, that they may be made partakers of his holiness — that when done with the fast fleeting things of time and of sense, through the fullness and the freeness of his atoning mercy in Christ Jesus our Lord we may be reunited to those precious ones, who are not lost but only gone before — and who are now even now, as we reverently believe, standing before the throne of God, clothed in white robes with palms of victory in their hands — singing the new song with the whole host of the redeemed — saying, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive glory and honour and blessing and power, for he hath redeemed us from our sins unto God by his own precious blood". —

Excuse this outpouring of a full heart — I was obliged to scribble off my letter to thy brother yesterday so very hastily, to catch the post, that I failed to relieve my mind — Please give him the renewed assurance of my tender sympathy —

well can I understand the fearful blank, which death has made in his heart and in his home — but it is sweet to feel there is no void too deep for the saviour's love to fill. —

I quite unite with what thou sayest of our beloved friend Henrietta Thomas — for whom I have always had a true regard — believing her to be an Israelite indeed in whom there was no guile — What a blessed translation was hers! she "walked with God, and she was not, for God took her". — I have thought much of dear