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St. Croix Feby 7th 1878 –

Two letters from my dear "unchanged" friend, Dr. Morris! the last, bearing date of the 12th Jany – letters that uplifted my spirit, and comforted my heart – How much I thank you for them – Every good gift comes from above, and truly I have cause for deep gratitude to the Great Giver, for the faithful friends He has raised up for me –

The old year closed upon me with very sad feelings – Before I left my bedroom on Christmas morning, I received Mrs Clark's letter announcing the death of his mother – Of course the event was not unexpected to me but it was a saddening reflection that one from whom, for almost half a century, I had experienced unceasing kindness & generosity

Mrs Hollingsworth's illness and death seemed to add to the sadness her death caused me – You dear, poor Anna – Mr. Branch has indeed to add to Mr & Mrs Morris's sorrow – My brief intercourse with her, & with Mr & Mrs Reid, seems as a pleasant dream – When does you see Mrs Reid, and how does she bear herself? In the last sad month of your mother's life, you had unspeakable proof that the "Lord is a present help in trouble" – I have frequently, and fervently, wished that I could be with you at such a time, to show my sympathy, and to do what I could to lighten your burden – But it is no use to repine – Perhaps, the Lord, in mercy, has denied me the opportunity, because I am so very important to my children, and to the Church here – Yet, I feel it to be a great privilege to be thus in the hands of the Lord, who orders every event of my life, and