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away I dare not trust
myself to write on that,
it so unfits my head
for anything - at first
I believe I was stunned - often
now when I look back on
that dreadful night I can
only be thankful my reason
was left to me - but I must
not write on it - thank
you dear friend for all
your kind consoling words.
I hope God kept all you
love & me on the Nile -
& I do value your prayers
for me & mine very highly.
It cannot be my very hope
I am permitted to see
thy our heavenly Father has
laid such an affliction upon
me - & I know also needed
by a hand that cannot err.
Could I have chosen which of
my children should have
shared with me that awful
shock I would have chosen
the son who was with me!
he alone of my dear ones has
caused me real & deep
anxiety since last I saw you -
& I can only trust & pray the
Lord who has been blessed
to him - I try to picture to
myself that our dear Lord
had a place prepared for my
pure - bright boy - & that all
the store of tenderness he had
must