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Dear Friend

Only a few days since we rec^d the melancholy tidings of the translation of your beloved wife to the "Better Land." I know that in such cases - where a long life of domestic love and happiness has been closed by death - human sympathy is but poor and unsatisfying, and the sad heart of the survivor is ready to exclaim - "Miserable Comforters are ye all." Nevertheless, you will permit us to say, that my good old wife and myself do very sincerely sympathize with you in your affliction and loneliness - Not only we ourselves, but all of our name and lineage do feel and offer you our heart-felt sympathy. Such a wedded life as yours has been, cannot be ended by death without wringing the heart of the survivor with the keenest sorrow. God alone can comfort you; and I doubt not that already the kind and indulgent Father