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Much Beloved

Sisters

It affords me much pleasure to know that I have Sisters that are much interested in my welfare and it is with pleasure that I attempt to address them a few lines in my feeble way, of recounting some of my heart's feeling towards them who I sincerely love with true brotherly affection, since we last parted I have often meditated on the many happy moments I spent with you at Home - as we are widely separated from each other it is still easy for the mind to wander back to by gone days - yea days of our childhood and youth - when we were all happy together but one of our number has gone dear Sister Lydia & it pains my heart when I think of her sufferings while she was on Earth but God has called her Home and soon we must all follow and may we be prepared for that change which will soon or late take place