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Betsy Maase

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My dear lady I had in-
tended to have written
to you long on this to
thank you myself
for your good wishes
on the return of my
Birth day & also for
the touching & beautiful
gift which you had

the kindness to send me
but I could not find
time to do it. I shall
now take up my
manuscript for the
which I assure you
is deeply felt for
all the various proofs
of your friendship for
me which you have
manifested on all

visions. I receive
your lovely little
pennette and much
it often reminds
me of that beautiful
cloud which
is no longer, alas,
mine. How so
and mischievous
to have seen such
a dear presence, which
I always shall value

most highly as much
far from what he
as far the sake of
that was not better
when I have spent
so many happy days
also very distressing
melancholy days.
your kind sympathy
in this misfortune
has been very consolatory
to my feelings & I am

most grateful for
them.

I cannot yet quite com-
prehend the whole
extent of my loss
& I can hardly imagine
that it is possible
that the dead thing
dwells so long &
enough as I fancy
I must see him
soon again & that
he is to return to us

It is in such moments
that the sad truth
falls heavily upon
me & makes me deeply
feel what I have
lost. But I must
not repine, & resign
myself to the will
of God who knows
best what is good
for us. — I am
truly well in health

My spirits are cheered
up by the presence of
my sister & her children.
These Departures is
cutting. I already
dread. Of August
will then accompany
to Hastings when we
shall remain for
the winter.
I hope that your

quite well, my dear
Alyce & all your
Family also. I lay
to the kind of incubation
to them all & remain
ever, my dear Alyce
with sentiments of
the highest regard
& affection

Your most attached
Friend

Wm. Lloyd Garrison
My sister lay to the kind
incubation to me all the