

Bristol Aug. 23rd
Sunday 10. A. M.

Dear Mrs Belden

You must wonder why you have not heard a word, of the love and sympathy that has filled my heart - during these past three weeks, and you will be sorry to learn the reason - That Clara has been quite ill with malarial fever. It seems to have been hanging over her for some time and as soon as she came home from Lawrence she went directly to bed where she has been ever since - narrowly escaping Typhoid fever. She is better now and beginning to sit up.

a little - so we feel the worst
is over.

She often speaks of you and
longs to know how you are
after the great strain, and
bereavement.

We have heard through our
Aunt Mrs Hooker of the
universal mourning at the
Sanitarium, because of the loss
of dear Mr. Belden, and of her
regret that she did not meet
one so greatly beloved. We have
not heard from her since
your return, but hope to soon.

Dear Mrs Belden your path
of loneliness none can know.
save those who have followed
it. And my heart aches with
the sorrow which I know is
yours. Clara told me of

the impressive services at
the cemetery, and of the
wonderful strength that was
given you. Hoping it is still
yours, and that your other
dear ones are well

I am yours with untold love
and sympathy

A. H. Bowman

Mrs. A. H. Tomman

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Mrs. William H. Belden
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