

will gladly do
call me your
me, dear one.
A whole heart
for your love
Mary, Pa.
Aug. 4th 1896.
dear, precious
Albert.
Mary's letter
came only a minute
ago, telling of the
great sorrow which
has come to you. My
heart goes out to you
in truest sympathy.
What shall I say? There
are two such perfectly
distinct and separate
views which I can not
help seeing - William's
view, and yours, dear

dear Ellie. While I realize the terrible loss to you, your grief, your loneliness, - even as I think of all this I can not help feeling ^{a little} of his triumph. The thought of the unspeakable bliss of which he is now a partaker, and for which he was so well prepared, is, after all, the predominant thought. I know that is your comfort too, dear girl. May "the God of all comfort" himself minister to your sore heart, and help you to bear the stroke he

has sent, is my earnest prayer for you, dear.

I am sorry we did not have Mary's letter in time to meet you at Pittston. Think of your being so near us, and that we never did or said a thing to help you! I can hardly make out just where you passed through, but I think you are just now laying away the precious body in its ^{last} resting place. Dear Ellie, there is comfort even at that sad moment in believing that "God cares for the precious dust of his saints."

Oh! what would we do
if God was not our refuge
in time of trouble! He
will help you, dear, and
will lighten all your
path for you. I wish I
could put my arms around
you, and try to help you
bear your sorrow. There
is only One who can do that,
though. God help you,
and the dear children
Scott will write to you, of
course. He is out now, so
does not yet know. I will
send this letter to Oxford
as I suppose you will
stay there a little, at
least, on your way to Clif-
ton. Will you not let some
of the dear children come
to us? And if you can stop
on your way you know we

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