

13 Lawrence Street

Bridgeport N. J.

March 31st

My dear friend

How often have

thought of you, & you dear sick
one, & I'd be with you both!
How many anxious hours of
watching! but with you as with
us, we were not the only ones
to watch, our father himself
measured every thing, & as my
dear sister said he had kept
all his promises, so is he

doing the same with you as
will be do with us all, both here
& hereafter. I shall rejoice with
you if the Lord sees fit to raise your
husband up again.

Well I remember, reconstructing
with him an over-dying husband
in a case that it really seemed as
if there were things for which he
would be willing to die.

My kind love to him if he is able
to hear of outside things, & love
all the dear children.

I don't ask you any questions for
I well understand you can't
write to any one, & don't wish
you to try. God bless, & can for you
my dear friend. He will not

leave you comfortless, even
your affectionate friend
M. S. Barnum

Two days before sister's departure
I repeated, "I shall be satisfied
when I awake up with thy
lovers, she added solemnly,
in everlasting life."

My sister Mrs Cochrane joins
me in kind sympathy & of
the kind, good Brown sisters
who are so attached to your husband.
They have always lamented his
departure from Budgeton.

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