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Albion November 25. 1872

Dear Sir

Your telegram conveying the sad news of Richards Death was received about ten o'clock on the night of the 20th instant. It took us by surprise, Lenas health not being very good, and her nervous system in such a state it completely prostrated her. She was entirely overcome. Rich was her favorite, and such a shock to her nerves was more than she ^{could} bear. She is now feeling quite well again, but we had so hurriedly telegraphed you that night that it was not possible for us to be at the funeral. She could not bear the fatigue of the journey. We all deeply sympathize with you in this bereavement, It is the will of Providence and we must submit. The blow falls the heaviest upon you and Dear Kate, but I hope you both will ~~be~~ have strength enough to bear it, with Christian fortitude. It is hard to bear, but persons of our age must expect scenes like this, and must be prepared to meet them

although they may seem to us so crushing and
unbearable yet the same Providence will give us strength
to bear up under the severest afflictions. It is sense
to be for our good if we ought not to murmur at the
decease, but strive to be improved by it, - his ways are
just finding out. therefore it becomes us the more to be
prepared for such dispensations, as our Heavenly Father
in his infinite mercy may see fit to inflict upon us
as I said before if it is for our good we ought not to murmur
but submit with Christian fortitude

Accept our deepest sympathy, and if I can do any
thing to alleviate your burdens, or help you in any way
I will cheerfully do it. Give our best love and regards
to Kate Liggins Merrin, also to Mrs Mrs Ramsey and
all inquiring friends, and believe me as ever

James Truly
A P. 20

R. E. Alonzo Esqr

Please write me no receipt of this and give me
the particulars of Richards's sickness and death
Your former letter I will answer soon