

Friday morning June

I did not intend my beloved One to have

delayed answering your letter so long, and now I have but mournful news to tell you. Sister Emily died yesterday afternoon, she was taken sick with the scarlet fever Sunday she had it lightly they thought, and were not in the least alarmed, yesterday morning she seemed no worse, but she had not slept the night before and the physician gave her an anodyne she never woke, but at five o'clock from sleep to death almost without a struggle. Gideon is nearly distracted he was not with her he left her at half past four to sweet sleep, in a little while they sent for him and before he reached home all was over, may God give him strength to bear it. Little Gideon is a great deal afflicted, Bessie is at school, and poor little Charley unconscious of his loss plays and talks as ever he knows she is dead and talks about it but is too young to feel it.

I am sorry dear Emma that you could suppose that your sentiments on religious could influence our feelings towards any of you and make your family cast you off, where the change is sincere and proceeds from conviction not from sudden excitement all shall rejoice it and yours I trust is such and will be lasting. I have not spirits to write more now but will write again in a short time. You say nothing of Matilda in your last letter will she not write or at least send her love to me when you

write, my love to her and to your mother - Pa is quite well -

ever your sincerely attached
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