

New Brighton

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My dear Harriet.

My daughter Fannie has just asked me to address a letter wh. she has been writing to you. and while doing so, I can't resist the heart's prompting which bids me add a little line for myself. Simply to give expression to the profound & affectionate feeling of sympathy with which I have heard of your great family sorrow.

I require but small habit of consideration to enable me in some small measure to enter into ^{the} circumstances which make this sorrow so great: especially am I reminded of your young brother's high promise which had made him so widely known & respected and of his most genuine & lovable nature which had given him such a warm place in the hearts of my

My dear daughter.

I have thought much too of
your mother's great grief, for I am heart
broken: & of the admirable
letter let I send to you: And it has
been a sad satisfaction to all of us
at home now to remember her as at
our daily prayers for her blessing on
all dear ones.

May that grace & blessing be upon
each one of you, my dear girl.

Your most affectionate father
P. P. Smith

Miss Mackenzie

Ch. Jones
 New England
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