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Your
mother
loves
her beautiful
boys -
but not
worth love for
you, Harriet & Olive
and the children



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My dear fond sister has not written to me for many a month, so I have concluded to write to her - because I must say now than tell her my friend & brother, how often I have much of her away from home & so far in time away from so much that it seems to sweetest, my thoughts dwell on our sweet associations.

We have had a week or more severe work & so tired, yet sitting here in the consultation after all the others are gone I must tell to you a little.

Well, about myself my life first, for I need often help & sympathy from you Cousin K. and you must not tell it, for of course a judge must not doubt, but very often when perplexing questions arise I feel like I would give anything to have a confidential talk with Cousin Keith - not only for the law but mainly for the light on justice & truth which is in his head & heart. While this cannot be so I am comforted by the hope that the love of truth & right which I have always so admired in him, in my early days has influenced me in some degree by permanent impression on my own habits



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Spent with You - Do You remember the shrinking sentiment
which by that used to sleep in your tender loving arms & who
depended so much on You for love sympathy, whose ambition
was fired by You telling him he could be something if he
only would. Now is it I never thought to tell you before, that
the very first hope or successful effort came to me from
what seemed to me then your simple belief in me.
And then in those dark days from 1865 to 1878 - even after
I left Darlington how sweet to me - how inspiring & helpful
was the welcome encouragement I always got in the little
house in the pine. And then you both for it! There was
love & confidence & sympathy & help which was worth more to
me than any one else ever estimate. Ours since too
You have stood by me & believed in me. And for all this
I can think of nothing I have ever done for either or
you - but it is not nothing to hold you both in deepest
love - to suffer when you suffer & to rejoice in all your
happiest moments. Now as the shadows lengthen to all in
us let us think of the blessings, of the rich rewards
which have come for all our labors, in the love we
have, in the light that we may dispense.



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of thought. Sometimes I am quite despondent it seems to me the task of discharging the duties of my office must ever remain beyond my utmost effort. But that no doubt is when I am thinking of myself my friends. When I am a true man I am only thinking of the questions that are before me striving to do my best with them, and that is for you remain the same.

What are you doing with yourself? Have you got your house fixed? The trouble with you is you have never gotten into a business big enough for you. I wish you had something to keep your mind up to its limit of effort all the time. For instance if I could just manage you - which may be I could - it would be fine for me to have you to look up how still we have to write opinions. I mention this because to me it seems about as difficult as anything else. However I guess you have done enough in helping to make men better. & in impressing them with better ideals & higher aspirations. There are others I think of, but this is a letter about myself, so my mind turns to the lot - the lot



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As for me while I have been sitting here alone the
tears have come to my eyes & I think of all the sweet
things that have come from you to me, on the the
clouds you have helped to dispel, & with them has come
the resolution to remember & keep these things fresh by
greater effort for others.

I had to stop suddenly last night to go to tea at the
Governor's with the other justices. I am writing this line
now just before going in Court. I had expected to see
you all Saturday until letter came yesterday saying
the B.H. dedication had been postponed. I wish very
much you & Annie K. could run up here on a call
for a day or two. This letter is for you & Annie alone.
Give him my love. I have not time to send
over this letter, hence you must excuse omissions
&c.

Yours

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