

not as the time drew near have gone on with it. Of course I believe
 a closer daily walk & commu-
 cation with those who is the
 a good guide of his Christian
 walk has all'd all that
 I am the more ever more
 at times so clearly
 to see that
 Francis will be
 requirements that this great
 may be removed
 for this my own operations
 are daily and often than
 may be said to that all
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marked eleventh month 17th 1882

Its contents cause anxiety on thy
 own account from thy then inability
 to take any solid food. tho I hope
 long ere this thy stomach has regained
 some what of its usual tone. or I fear
 thy strength will not keep up --

Truly can I enter into feeling with
 thee in the degree in which thou must
 realize thy great loss. I thank thee
 for the account thou sent me

of the last few weeks of thy beloved
 wife's illness & the closing scene
 for such an end we should not
 lament - & I feel sure thy own feelings
 are those of thanksgiving rather
 on her account - but still the
 grief on thy own account will
 continue to be great - Your dear
 aged friend also Dr. Torrey also
 claims much sympathy but I
 hope the summer weather you
 may now be enjoying will have
 a cheering effect on you both - How
 different just now are our individual
 surroundings - while I am writing
 a heavy fall of snow has been de-
 pending since eight o'clock in the
 morning after a night of rough
 wind which has now given place
 to the snow - the prospects for the

My Amb. affectionate father

coming spring are not bright - the earth
 is sodden and the continued wet ren-
 ders it impossible to get on the land
 to get in the spring crops - while it is
 feared the wheat sown in the winter
 will rot in the ground - it is bad also
 for the lumbering season - Arthur & Harriet
 saw many in a field between here
 & Brantree while out for a ride
 yesterday - I have sent thy last on
 to our sister Mary - & it is not yet returned
 so can not now refer to it - but I know
 from it I gathered that Hannah
 Hall was at that time thy guest
 & I hope both she & my dear nephew
 James B. are nicely recruited by the
 rest they have enjoyed after their
 arduous labours & I trust they have
 abundantly reaped the reward of
 peace - It was a great disappointment
 to me that I could not have the
 pleasure of my dear nephews company

at all. From Mine I think I gather that My daughter Rachel has a dear little girl. My grandchildren must be numerous. it would be interesting to know how many. I probably several great grandchildren. I have had one added to the number of mine since I wrote last at the end of the year and I am expecting daily news of the arrival of another at Canterbury. This will make the 15th seven there. Six at Manchester and two here. Harriet's darlings seem like my own over again the eldest is just - 2½ yrs almost too bright a child. She would almost live with Grandma if she could - it is ^{of} her first question when she wakes in the morning. whether her Mamma thinks Jan ma can do with her to day? (I hope Edward)

and his wife are well my kind
love to them as also to James &
Hannah's Hall if still with you
I hear that William Bott is a great
sufferer from Rheumatism and
consequently much enfeebled the
rest of the family I believe are
much as usual. but probably sister
Mary gives thee more particular
accounts of all our Eddy friends
than I am able to do From her I
have not heard very recently but
I think Pluties had been over to
Canterbury not long since. About
three weeks since dear Harriet
paid her sister a little pop visit
taking her elder little girl with
her. We had desired to have
two or three of Beedie's children
while she was laid by and wrote
to propose that they should come.

but as they had lost quite half a years time at school last year from having the measles & whooping cough which went through the family - the parents did not like to make them lose more time just now. but as Harriet & Bessie had not met for near three & a half years Harriet went over thro she only stopt from 2nd day till 14th day but it was a great pleasure to the sisters to meet as the two branches of the family have always been very closely united & strongly attached to each other. I think sister Mary has been pretty much of a prisoner during the winter and as far as I know Ruth & Anna Maria & her husband are well I have now been settled here for rather more than four months and altho it is a very isolated place the nearness of my dear Harriet

and her husband whose tenent I am makes it much more cheerful than it would be if entirely among strangers. If a railway station was within a short distance we should not feel so shut in and it would make it better for trade. Probably in the course of another month or weeks if all is well I shall be journeying to Wimborne. I wish it might have been to find things altered in that quarter. but fear there is no prospect of any amendment. as there is on both sides a want of conciliation while from every other quarter. Consideration and kindly feeling are freely attributed to Alfred's conduct and such we all receive from him. but with the entire absence of love I feel sure on either side unless there was a great change the two are happier apart.

I do not wish to say more on this subject - as I will not cast more blame on dear Bertha than to say that she as well as her husband made a great mistake in their marriage and ^{showed} an entire want of tact in her conduct afterwards. or she could not have carried about their differences to strangers. in the towns where they lived as she did; so that even the tradesmen went to him & queried if he was aware what his wife said about him. had she studied him more I felt that his interest was hers also. she could I believe soon have won him to a warmer feeling than it is evident they felt for each other. but she married from a lower motive as probably do thousands and on his part we all believed from the earliest days of their married life that if she had belonged to a family in affluent circumstances he would