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Dear Aunt

It has been a long time since I have heard from you I have begun to think you have forgotten me in my affliction but oh no it cannot be, I am alone to day Mother went away last night and I staid alone her health is no better she fails gradually and how long she may be spared to me is known only to the Lord but my prayer is that we may be prepared to say they will be done. When my school closed my health was very poor I coughed most of the time and I feared that the disease was upon me but I am better now, My home is a lonely place without my Brother here but my loss was his