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My dear Friend

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Thro' our god S. Pugh,

I received the touching, beautiful lines on thy dear Hannah, written by thy daughter; we presume, from the initials - I feel grateful for this added mark of thy attention & respect, especially in thy hour of sorrow.

When the sad intelligence reached us, my Jas. Mott & self were thinking of another trip across the Atlantic, for my health, which has been declining of late - I felt that we should be almost as strangers, - so many of our friends of 1840 having passed away, but we had fondly cherished the hope, of meeting again with you, and our dear James Haughton - This unlooked-for event affected me so greatly, that I told my husband another strong attraction was removed; and I felt

lep & lep like attempting the voyage

The just tribute to dear Hannah's worth, in the Obituary sent us, and in the several Anti-S. Papers, we have cherished — Her memory will be precious to the great number, who have shared your kindness & hospitality —

She made a strong impression on my mind & heart — and we deeply feel the loss you have sustained.

Words of consolation we are unable to offer — Time, the great healer can alone blunt the keen edge of your grief — — We have not escaped the sore bereavements, which fall to the lot of mortals — Our eldest grandchild - daught<sup>r</sup> - of Edw<sup>d</sup> & Anna Hopper of 23, fell a victim to consumption the beginning of this year — Our youngest 1 yr. old — a member of our family we also had to mourn a short time before.

Jas. Mott's sister is now lying very ill — so that we are taught by experience  
"to feel another's woe —"

Altho' we have had little direct cor-  
respondence of latter years, yet we  
have prized the privilege of reading thy  
letters to Sarah Pugh - This late one  
was particularly grateful to me

Your removal to the Country  
and thy description - so graphic, of the  
Place, in a letter some few years ago,  
interested us - it so resembled our  
own change of residence - we have  
often fancied you in the enjoyment  
of your quiet home - It seems pleas-  
ant also that you married children  
keep possession of the house in Great  
Brunswick St - All thou tells of thy  
family we are glad to have - Thy  
son's short visit to us we enjoyed,  
& the readiness with which he joined  
in the rude plays of our young people.

We frequently have a dozen or more  
passing a few days with us - we enjoy  
their sports, even now that we are great  
grand-parents - as to our perilous  
times, I can say nothing at present -  
ever lovingly & sympathizingly  
L. Mott

