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Dear Sister

My answer of June 6th came
only to hand and should have been answered ere this
but owing to a thousand causes it has been delayed until
now, and for the want of time and the anxiety and care
of mind in which I am constantly kept must be my
excuse for the manner in which this is got up.

Except our lasting gratitude for the expressions of
kindness and sympathy manifest in every line of your kind
letter and may we all be grateful that it arrived when
Louisa could still listen to the voice of friendship and
to the overflowings of a sister's unchanging love
sympathy in all cases has a softening influence but to the
mind of sensibility and the bed of sickness it is peculiarly
consoling but in Louisa's case it touches a chord that vibrates
with peculiar melody, it seems to her like the last tribute
of a sister's warm undying friendship and when the warm embrace
or kind caress is forbidden by distance it breathes the
testimony that we love her memory still, and although
she still lingers (almost mysteriously) yet it might seem only
to receive the last kind offices of friends and then bid
us farewell to gain those friends whose memory kindly unites
her to rest. It is now more than a year since
she was taken down and has been very feeble since ever.

ago last ~~year~~ ^{at} ~~year~~ ^{year} and those who are acquainted with
her naturally feeble constitution might well wonder that she is
still alive, at no time has she been what you might say
getting better but under the most severe pain has been gradually
~~and~~ ~~weakening~~ ~~away~~ until only the shadow remains yet she is able to
sit up some way ~~and~~ ~~generally~~ ~~gets~~ ~~up~~ a short time 3 times a
day yet her symptoms are all of the most alarming kind ~~and~~
~~and~~ ~~added~~ ~~to~~ ~~these~~ ~~are~~ such as limbs very much swollen (nearly
~~up~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~hips~~ ~~since~~ ~~they~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~much~~ ~~bloated~~
appetite much decreased shortness of breath difficulty in
breathing or swallowing severe pain in the sides and head & limbs
and added to this she has been of late subject to turns for
which I am not prepared to account otherwise than a general
stagnation of the blood and cessation of all action in the
system she is generally taken while asleep with something like
strangulation or difficult breathing pulse cease or only flutter
at intervals and breath almost ceases at ~~commonly~~ ~~lasts~~ ~~about~~
10 minutes when action again commences but delirium follows
perhaps an hour at all other times she is perfectly sane
she has ^{had} ~~for~~ ~~to~~ ~~within~~ ~~the~~ ~~last~~ ~~3~~ ~~or~~ ~~4~~ ~~weeks~~ she says she
has been conscious once or twice at the commencement of great
cristess the first time we thought her saying she thinks herself
she shall go in some of them but says she is perfectly resigned
she has just told me she was glad she was still able to
say to you that she loves you ~~profably~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~last~~ ~~time~~

and to all of you she says love load that she feels
she had rather die than live as she feels it will be well
with her beyond the grave,

You can only realize how glad
we should have been could some of you have seen her
but we then not in reality expected it but hope we may
some future day see you and hope we may hear from
you again, we feel anxiety for Sarah and hope she is getting
bitter, give our kindest wishes to all our relations and friends
and may we ever so reflect on the uncertainty of human
existence as to be prepared to follow our friends to our
destined home affectionately yours
Valentine

Some family well

a time of such general enclaves
- must was never known here it affects unlike
the rich and the poor but I must stop as I
had another letter to write this evening and you can
imagine what leisure I have as I have not been out
of cell scarcely except occasionally in the afternoon this
6 months and have not had my clothes of in 6 weeks
in haste W. Dännyer Jr

I have not ~~all~~ ^{seen} ~~with~~ ^{to} ~~them~~ ^{at} ~~all~~
 I have not seen him he says it seems to them all
 that the ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same}
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