

Marchfield, Lettle

3 July 1893.

Dear Mrs Tangle's

May I add a few
lines of my true sympathy
to the many you will receive
in this time of trouble.

I received the touching sketch
of your dear mother's life &
felt very grateful to you
for thinking of sending it
to such a perfect stranger.
It interested me deeply and
the boys & I as far it reminded
us all of the dear Grandfather
who last three years ago.

How touching that up to the
very end she loved to hear
your husband's work read

aband. What a strong, bright
intelligence her must have
been and how much you
will miss her. Sometimes
these precious older lives
reave themselves into ours
with such an extraordinary
lightness that one feels the
lackoning far even after-
wards when they have gone,
and it is wonderful what
an influence their memory
leaves behind. I cannot
help thinking that in your
household her gap will be
a great one, you must
all have gone through
so much together & she
must always have been
a comforter. Your husband's
books are very wonderful

the knowledge of human nature can only be the result of very deep experience combined with a magnificent grasp of real rectitude.

I have just had some of the paper backed copies of Monroe's last man sent from N. York to put into the hands of some of our fine young independent ministers. It is a splendid book. My boys would very much like to know whether the Judge was in Grant's regiments at the fall of Vicksburg; sometimes perhaps you will tell us but I ought not to intrude upon you now when your thoughts must be otherwise & sadly occupied.

We cannot help looking
forward to your visit, or
very much hope that nothing
may occur to prevent it.
Let me again express our
heartfelt sympathy and
the hope that the beautiful
memory may be an
infinite comfort to you in
your trouble. Believe me

Sincerely yours
Cecilia Shepherd.

I send with this 2¢ for the
recognition.