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### 1865-07-12, James B. to James M.

James Broderick Safford

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Normal July 12<sup>th</sup> 1868

My Dear Procter

I was very much shocked at the sudden and sad intelligence contained in David's telegram of the 10<sup>th</sup> for from all that I had heard I had never made up my mind that Ann would any immediate danger. We are led to believe in her disease that there is a fatal element, but a great uncertainty when the hour may come. I had never supposed that there was any present danger in her case and Susan's letter spoke quite hopefully of a chance to recover. Still leaving serious doubts of such a hope. What things had wholly unprepared me to look for any such sad intelligence. Death comes to us in every form and under all the various conditions of fatality. With what rapidly our friends are being swept away. But there is our salvation at last and but for those we must leave behind what matters it if we have but accomplished our day on this earth, we can not complain we have all been remarkably blessed and preserved. For indeed may be, beyond our desert. Still we have



within a few years been called to mourn  
the departure of Maury of our family and  
It has not been so I cannot be with you  
to help in laying them in their final  
resting place on earth, Oh what hallowed  
recollections spring up and cluster around  
the remembered dead now in that cemetery  
at Emerson Mother Brother, Sister, wife,  
Child, Parents, and associates of joyful &  
pleasant days I cannot, I cannot,

I should very much have liked to have been  
with you in your bereavement and could send  
what if possible in kind condolence and  
sympathy to your affliction but the  
distance & circumstances did not permit  
it, you will no doubt see many lonely hours  
as you have just passed through many sad  
ones, I am very glad that our good sister  
Lucy was able to be with you, for we  
all know how good and pleasant it is  
to have her with us, How home a sister so  
worthy of a brother's love & affection as  
me, How long you & she may conclude  
but for her to remain then I would you  
be able to determine, we would be glad to  
see you back here and would it



not be advisable for you to interrupt  
your business as soon as you can  
in such a way that you can come  
up here and spend some time with  
us. You have long been confined so  
closely that you must need some  
relaxation. And would ~~not~~ <sup>be</sup> a change  
be very beneficial to you. At any  
rate we are desirous to have you  
come as soon as you can and  
will be glad to have you remain  
as long as you choose. You will find  
it I think quite desirable to pass the  
remainder of the warm weather here.

I wish to be remembered to the boys and  
would be much pleased to see them here  
with you. With many expressions of cordial  
greetings and desires for your comfort & future  
happiness I remain

Truly yours Brother  
Scorp. Hafford



I know my dear Brother that any words  
of condolence that I can offer to you in this  
your sad hour of bereavement would be but  
idle things but let me assure you that  
you have my deepest sympathy

~~We were not prepared for the sad intelligence~~  
of Anns death so soon although I have been  
very anxious about her for a long time  
but I still fondly hoped she would be  
spared and that we should again see her  
on Earth But her sufferings are over and we  
have the consolation that our loss is her gain  
I am sorry that I could not have visited  
you last spring as I anticipated but it was  
not so ordered

We should be glad to see you here  
Remember me kindly to the boys  
Yours Truly Clara A. Rofford

Dec 12/52

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Norwalk July 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

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the [[defacture?]] of many of our family and  
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reflections[[?]] spring up and cluster around  
the remembered dead now in that [[one word]]  
at Madisons[[?]] mother, Brother, sister, wife,  
child, parents, dear associates of purpose[[?]]  
pleasant days Farwell! Farewell!

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with you in your bereavement and [--deed]] to me  
what it [[one word]] in lend condolences and  
sympathies in your affection but the  
distance + cercumstances [[could not?]] warrant  
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all know how good, and pleasant it is  
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George M. Safford

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[[different author]]

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Yours truly Clara A Safford

[[written in pencil upside down]]

July 12/65