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My Dear Friend

I received your
kind favour and would
have answered it long ere
this you will no doubt
have heard of my severe trial
that is in being separated
from Mary. She was my
greatest earthly comforter
her place here can never
be supplied. at times of
trial and trouble we
require the sympathy
of the true Christian and
that she was you may
wonder how I could
so easily part with her.
I can see the hand of pro-
vidence in every event
of my life, altho at times
painfully in this I could
view it very plainly

her illness last winter
when her life was expected
for her, ~~that~~ I then prayed
that if her life was spared
I would give her to the
service of Christ, that was
her desire from a child
as I now see by some of
writings which is very pre-
cious to me, when I saw
returning health, don't
wonder than if the
struggle between duty
and affection, was severe,
she was so self denying
that she would remain
if it was my desire, she
~~knows~~ the trial would
be severe to me, I trust
we have both been directed
for the best we can view
it as a call from God
she said if I leave you
God will raise friends

To fill my place I can
only look on your friendship
in that light I can never
thank you for your kindness
to my son your timely
aid was of great assistance
to him I trust you
will be rewarded for
all your labours of love
in that better Land where
we are journeying along
and where divided Friends
shall meet to part no
more.

As the Seminary does not
open till Oct^r William
is now at home and is
studying four hours
every day the rest of the
time is devoted to printing
and book binding he being
anxious to go on with his
studies he has now a

Sister before him, to his
advices and instructions
he has much to encourage
him. he has now a greater
desire than ever to go on
with his Studies, I trust
that he may be enabled to
go on, altho' I dread a ~~second~~
separation, many changes may
take place before that, but I
must cast my burden on him
that has never forsaken and
look on every trial as a love
taken from my Heavenly
Father, if endued in faith, I
trust you enjoy much comfort
and happiness with those you
love, you would now require
rest after a life of toil, I shall
always be happy to hear from
you altho' I have not much
that will interest you, remember
me kindly to M^r and M^{rs} Dawson.
I remain yours sincerely
Mary A. Robinson