

Annunuate Friday morning 10 O'Clock

Dear wife

Sam is much worse: & without something like a miracle cannot long be here in this life. O God prepare him & us all for that better life where there is no sickness or death,

He is flighty - yet he knows me which is some comfort to me as also I trust to him

I asked John if I should write you to come. "O" said he "before she could be here it would be all over"

My heart sinks. So will yours when you read what I can hardly write. God support us under this heavy stroke. The Lord gave & he is about to take away: in all events blessed be the name of the Lord

Your afflicted husband

A My lie

P.S. John send his love. Poor fellow he is attentive & careful to his brother but has no hopes of his recovery