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Bro Nat.

A letter came from you to  
 I got learn, while I was in Pa. & I have de-  
 layed answering it with the view of finding  
 out something definite to write to you, if I  
 could, I sincerely sympathize with you both in  
 your affliction - if I could I say something to  
 soothe your sorrow - I can say nothing which  
 you would not be able to anticipate - I am wit-  
 ness that you formally dedicated her to God - I  
 trust you were sincere & that the severe trial has  
 given you better evidence than you otherwise  
 could have had that you were indeed sincere - her  
 Heavenly Father saw fit in his Sovereignty to take  
 her to himself & the earthly Parents are called to quiet  
 - is it not all right? Conscience will say yes, but  
 nature will yearn - nor is this wrong. "Jesus wept."  
 There is no one expression concerning the Savior that  
 makes him feel so near to me as this - the Savior that  
 wept when his friend died will not necessarily trifle  
 with the strongest & best feelings of his people - there  
 is a cause for all that he has done & all that you  
 are called to suffer, may God in his mercy prepare us  
 all to surround friends & to quiet ourselves at his bidding