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My dear Sir

Melancholy and sad indeed is the intelligence I have just received from you and though it was an event that one could only expect by anticipation not to be very far distant yet the fact itself when it has occurred and the suddenness of it to me, by its very nature make it appear unreal and difficult to be realized. - If pleasure can be felt under such circumstances it is that the closing scene was so calm serene and tranquil. - I know well what your feelings are and where your thoughts are directed for comfort and support. - I can add but little but that I more fully and deeply sympathize with you in your loss. - You have lost a dear father and friend, one to whom you ~~ever~~ have ever shown the greatest affection & respect and your love and affection, I have often witnessed only increased with his increasing age and infirmities

I too have lost one who has been to me my dearest friend & guardian - I have but few friends in the world and I feel acutely the loss of one, for your dear father was united and associated with my earliest recollections and affections - His death recalls to my mind at once and that most vividly, the many and different ways in which I am indebted to him - the great interest he always took in my welfare - the affectionate advice & admonition that he bestowed upon me & the earnest prayers that I have heard him offer up on my behalf - He has been with yourself my director through life - I cannot & never shall be able to express my feelings of gratitude both to him and yourself for I owe every thing as far as my present position is concerned to him and I trust to my latest day I shall cherish his memory both affection & respect. - I should much have liked to have paid the last mournful tribute to his memory - Before the teacher, you all will probably be over - as the bereavement is great so also your consolation

is great - that he has exchanged his suffering here for a better and brighter sphere - You have also assured you many kind & dear friends all of whom I know will most feelingly sympathize with you under the loss and all the condolence which a neighbourhood in which your dear father was so justly honoured & esteemed can send

I have written this letter thus hastily on the receipt of your letter for it is a very great relief to be isolated as I am here from all sympathy & give vent in some manner to my feelings

I am glad to hear so good an account of yourself & family - Make my respects to the all kindred to yourself Mrs Pattison & your children and believe me dear Sir  
Ever most sincerely yours  
H. S. Dazley Smith