

A communication of love and Blessings from Elders Betsy & her

Well tried Sister Mary Hazard April 2^d 1869.

Mary did you know, that I was trying to write a few lines to the sisters of my peculiar love and care, not only to shed a bright ray, over your path-way, but to alleviate, my own feelings in parting with you, for I was snatched away, at such an unexpected hour, that I did not fulfil my promises which I had made or even say farewell. but all!! how brittle was the life thread on that fatal morn. it snapped, I knew not, when the vital spark went out, I saw my little ones stand weeping round me I wondered what had happened, I beheld my ^{earthly} form lie lifeless upon the bed. My beloved Elders Ruth said "Betsy do you know that your spirit, has left its house of clay, and has resigned its cares below. I then bowed my spirit, and wept, and said not my will, but my dear one, who so faithfully has stood by my side, and borne me up through every trial, is far far away; I thought I would tell some one of my sisters how I felt at this dreadful crisis, for it was a very great, shock to me as well as to others I was aware that my mission was nearly closed on earth, tho I did not once think if so soon, I do not wish to dwell on this subject for my object at this time is to cheer and inspire each one with hope for a future life, and the realities, of the glories of Heaven born souls, who have given their lives a sacrifice to God. My dear Mary, I feel that I can part with you, in blessing and peace, for I have been close by your side, in dark and trying hours when a bread of work, of temptation was placed before you, by which to