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[letter of Henry Bruce Jr. to Robert S. and William H. Sayre]

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Dr Friends

~~To da~~ [Today], I recd. [received] by this days Mail  
~~Friday~~ the very appropriate & applicable discourse delivered by Rev. C. P. ~~of~~ Beaman ~~delivered~~  
on the sad occasion of the funeral of my friend your beloved and departed Brother ~~& My Friend~~  
Nathan. Which I read with the deepest emotion in tears.

And my prayr [prayer] is that we may ~~strive to~~ emulate him in his good works of charity,  
benevolence & kindnefs [kindness]. and that when we shall be summoned from time to eternaty  
[eternity]. we may be prepard [prepared] to join him in heaven.

On the 24th of January 1853 [January 24, 1853] only a few days before your  
bereavement. the afflictive [sic] hand of providence was visited upon our family by ~~removing~~  
taking from us my wifes aged Father G. S. Bruce once a citizen of your place and well know  
[known] to you. but for several years past has ~~been~~ lived ~~with~~ in my family. A devoted member  
of the Baptist church. and ~~met the monster death~~ his faith and relyance [reliance] on christ was  
so great. that he not only talked of, and met the monster death with perfect composier  
[composure] & resegnation [resignation]. but seamed [seemed] to rejoice that his time had come.

My aged Father who has from his first acquaintance [acquaintance] ever been a devoted  
friend to you & your lamenting Bro [Brother] is still living. And is as companionable & fond of  
his friends as ever. though now in his 77th year and much afflicted ~~is~~ ~~o~~ and suffers ~~with~~ almost  
constantly with an accute pain in one of his hifs [hips]. ~~It would~~ He will be pained to ~~learn of~~

hear of your bereavement. and nothing would afford him more pleasure than to receive a long letter from you.

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My wife who was but a child when she left your pleasant little villedge [village] though now the Mother of four most interesting children (all Daughter) retains the most vived [vivid]. and fond remembrance [remembrance] of many of your citizens. And writes with me in ~~presenting~~ offering our condolence for your irreparable [irreparable] loss. Yours most Truly.

H. [Henry] Bruce Jr.

Ps. Should either or both of you ever find it convenient to visit this ~~great~~ western portion of our great nation. it would afford us real pleasure to see you at & offer you the hospitality of our House. And ~~to~~ otherwise to show you all the attention in our power. H.B.Jr [Henry Bruce, Jr.]

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copy to

Wm [William] & Robt [Robert] Sayer

upon the Death

of their Bro [Brother]

May 31/54 [May 31, 1854]