

N. H. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1843.

My Dear Mrs Carr,

I feel that I cannot  
longer refrain from acknowledging  
your kind letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> & for  
the sympathy therein expressed,  
I feel very grateful. We are truly  
a stricken household, & it requires  
great effort to be at all resigned  
to the bereavement that has so  
suddenly fallen upon us. When  
Robert was called to the world  
of beauty & of joy we knew that  
all was "well" - He left us with  
words of peace & perfect happiness,  
& in his case there was truly nothing  
to mourn for - His health was shattered  
& beyond human aid. His earthly



tabernacle was dissolved in the full assurance of mending bliss. With Johnny it was very different. He was sick only one week & while, during that time we had several evidences of his loving remembrance for his brother, & his desire to be with him, we cannot accept our loss with the resignation that faith & hope dictate to the Christian spirit. The blow has fallen with such suddenness, that even now, it is hard to accept the chastening as an evidence of the love & watchful care of that tender parent who "woundeth but to heal".

Thank let Care please, for his kind little letter to Willie. Poor boy - he is now our only one, & that the late sorrowful event, may be sanctified to him, as to ourselves, is the earnest prayer of your friend  
Annie C Bruce.



Mrs Eleanor Carr,

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