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My heart is sorely grieved
for you, and for the dear
daughters, and I wish
them to feel that I want
to be one of their friends,
as well as the friend of
their father whom General,
and all of us, so love
and honor.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep
thee: The Lord make His face to
shine upon thee, and be gra-
cious unto thee: The Lord lift
up His countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace: Numbers,
to: 24-26.

My sister & husband are with me &
write with me in sorrow for you &
Gore. Yours most sincerely,
Annie K. Bidwell

Rancho Chico. Cal.
Aug. 1905.

Dear Mr Muir.

We are overwhelmed with
sorrow, and know not how to
form words wherewith to ex-
press to you our sympathy
in your great grief, and
with the dear daughters.

Your cup is surely full
to overflowing, and my prayer
is that our great and lov-
ing God will strengthen
you as He has strengthen-
ed me, in hours of dark-
ness, yes, of perfect black-
ness. 035 97

ness, when not even a star seemed to shine to comfort.

For a few days after General went I had strength for every duty, but suddenly a change came over me and I had to be shut off from every person - however dear, and see but two persons, one at night, the other during the day, but only when medicine or nourishment had to be brought to me. There must be no change in the two attendants either. The doctor said my pulse could not be felt nor

the beating of my heart heard. The doctor said implicit obedience was obligatory, or I would not live until arrival of my sister, and that it was not assured that I could with very care.

However, I did live, and during those days of physical weakness God's loving presence was most wonderfully manifested. Some day I will tell you more about them.

For two years I suffered with my head, and longer, in bodily infirmity, but God never deserted me. He did not remove the cross but gave power to bear it.