

MY DEAR FRIENDS :—

We have met to manifest our sympathy with the mourners here. For this purpose we have left our various homes and our various occupations. And we have done this willingly, in accordance with the injunction inspired by the Holy Ghost, that we should weep with those who weep, as well as rejoice with those who rejoice.

It is a great loss that has been sustained by the bereaved family. The beloved mother, long the centre of love, and interest, and thoughtful solicitude to so large a circle, has been taken away. Those of us who have known her longest can tell best what she was in all the various relations of life.

We have known her as the head of a household, over which she presided with a sweet graciousness which lent a double value to the welcome which she ever gave to the many friends visiting her.

As a faithful and loyal member, long of St. Andrew's, and in later years of Stewarton Church, in both of which cherished associations gather