

Herbert Town

14th of 3^d Mo 1854 -

To B. H. Willis

Esteemed Friend,

Accept my heart-
felt thanks for thy truly kind
letter of christian interest and sym-
-pathy. - Thou wast several times
brought before my mind during
the time I was watching my
soured one with a feeling that we
had thy sympathy and prayers,
with those of many others. And
I did believe that prayer would
have

have prevailed and that the dear sufferer would have been raised up as from the dead — But such was not our Heavenly Father's will, and we must believe His will is best. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord".

It is not always easy to realize how it can be best to be deprived of such a friend as I have lost. — A friend, in possessing whom, I seemed to need no other and ten helpless children to be deprived of a father's care, when such care

seems

seems more than ever needed. — However His ways are not as our ways — and He can make a way where no way appears.

It is true we are left to mourn, but not as those who have no hope, whose situation under my circumstances must be almost insupportable — but we not only hope but are sure that he is forever with his Lord. He that had led him and fed him ~~and~~ ~~from~~ ~~his~~ all his life long did not forsake him in his last extremity, but made his bed in his

seclusion

sickness; and hath received him
into that