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Letter from Maria L. Willard to William E. Green Esq., October 6, 1825 [John P. Green Mss. - A.L.S.]

Albany Oct. 6th 1825

Dear Sir.

At the request of my sister, Mrs. Howe I take my pen to address you. The consciousness that you are so good a friend to both her & her afflicted husband, has removed much of the diffidence which I would otherwise have felt in writing one who is almost a Stranger to me - Since you was here sir, in the Spring great & heavy have been the affliction of Judge Howe's family he has himself evidently been growing worse & it is truly melancholy to behold such a wreck of intellect as he discovers - passing events are meteor-like to him, just seen, noticed, & there succeeded by even a greater darkness of mind than before - in August he had a severe attack - since when [sic] his mind has declined his bodily health - is quite good - these melancholy scenes to-gether with a cold which Mrs. Howe took about six weeks, since, have brought her very low - she has had & still has a fever, & is so extremely weak that we feel some what alarmed a[t] her situation, yesterday my Father thought that without she was immediately removed from what was so painful to her she would sink under her anguish of heart & disease of body consequently in the afternoon she was put, in an easy carriage - & brought to our house hoping that she might recruit a little by remaining here a few days for at home - both night & day he was in her presence. She has been more comfortable, to day & has this moment awoke from a sleep which has refreshed her altho [sic] she still seems to have a fever - it is not thought prudent for the Judge to go out. God only knows what the result will be - let us look on which side of the picture, we will nothing but dark grounds appear - not one ray of light as to the future - in this world. Tho' the friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Howe, will do all they can in a pecuniary point of view - business of course is suspended - & Mr. Bacon has intimated that, he wishes the partnership to cease - Judge Howe's brother Samuel, has been written to but he cannot visit Albany untill [sic] the last week of this month. I have mentioned all these particulars knowing the interest you take in all that concerns the family – we all wish you could make it convenient

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to visit Albany at this time, the poor Judge seems so cheerless & lonely, & his situation — so hopeless — perhaps your sympathy might relieve his mind in some measure — whilst asking for more of your company — we are not forgetful of your former friendship — but cherish the warmest feelings of gratitude & would pray that if you should ever meet with an hour of affliction some angel of mercy might guard & brighten your green path, not only in this world — but that you might receive the joys which are prepared in another and a better world — for those who love are loved & Saviour Jesus Christ — since I have commenced writing — my sister Mary has seen Judge Howe he is more composed to day than he was yesterday — My Father has quite recovered his health — all the remainder of the family are well & beg to be remembered to you — Mrs. Howe's love — tho' I have not the pleasure of an acquaintance with Mrs. Green I will send my respects to her,

Yours with respect Maria L. Willard

Mr. Green

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[From:] Miss Maria L. Willard

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