

Sandersky, June 29.
1864.

Dear Augusta;

What can I say to you under this terrible bereavement? I feel as if I could only weep, & not even attempt the unwelcome part of consoler. Such griefs, so recent & so unexpected can meet with comfort & consolation from only one source. I felt though, as if I must write a few words - to tell you how much you are in my thoughts - & how sincerely, as far as it is possible, do I sympathize ^{with} you in your loss.

Your letter from the Hospital, was the first intimation I had received of your husband's misfortune. I was shocked - but the cheerful tenor of your letter, of course led me to hope, that I should soon hear of

his consciousness - You will know
then how doubly terrible came the
announcement of his death.

What a
comfort it must have been to you, to
~~have~~ be able to be with him - Was he
conscious of his situation - & able to
talk with you concerning it? Do
not distress yourself with the attempt
to write one about all this now - but
when you feel as if you could, you
may be sure I would love to hear
from you. When the thought crosses
my mind of the loneliness & bereavement
it would be to lose my dear husband -
I feel as if I could enter into your
feelings; & fully sympathize with
them - But I know that is impossible -
no friend however near can share
the bitter cup with us at such times.

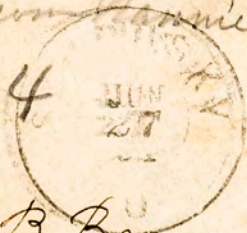
Christ's withdrawal from his
disciples, his chosen companions, in his
hour of ~~his~~ mortal agony, and seeking

only from the Father comfort &
consolation, must be the experience
of all who pass through the sad trial of
losing those so near & dear to us - and
like him - though the cup may not
pass from you - yet I do hope and pray
that before long you may be enabled to
add - "Not my will, but Thine be
done".

Kiss your dear children for me
& mine - & be assured, if that is any
consolation in your grief - of the deep
sympathy of all your friends here -
Yours affectionately,
Nannie.

From Annie

1864



Mrs L. B. Brewster.

Dayton.

Ohio.

Jun. 29th 1864 to Augusta from Fannie