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"Death & Mourning" Elizabeth Grimes  
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My dear friend,

I have this morn—ing sent a letter to the P.O. for Mrs. Langmaid conveying a feeble expression of my sympathy for her in her present afflictions. & I must not longer delay thanking you for your kindness in writing me so promptly & fully of an event in which our hearts are so painfully concerned. I have received no information in re—gard to it from any other source. There are two other friends & correspondents of Ada's in this place to whom the contents of your letters have been communicated—one brother Green—leaf's wife, & the other the wife  
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of our pastor Mrs. Salter, a classmate & friend of Ada's when at Bradford school. Mrs. Salter expresses the wish that "some memorial might be prepared of our departed friend; She thinks a greater service could hardly be done to cause of Christ than to give to the world the record of such faith & fortitude & virtue," What do you think of the suggestion & who will be willing to undertake so good a work. I have looked for an obituary notice of Ada's death in the "Journal", but nothing has yet appeared. Moses would be able to prepare some tribute which would be valued by Ada's friends, & draw many thoughtful minds to the contemplation of her beautiful life. It is good to have known her & enjoyed

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her friendships as we have. We shall realize more & more as her place in our hearts re—mains unfilled how precious a privilege it was. I am reminded when I think what her life has been, of her own words speaking lately of the beauti—ful experience of an old man, Mr. Langley whose prolonged suffering & death she descri—bed to us: "Oh religion! What a beauty & power thou art". Is not faith made easier from having witnessed its power over these lives? I know not how to express these thoughts which are sometimes awakened in my mind in view of the goodness. & pity—& love of Our Heavenly Father, as shown in the help he often lends to his feeble creatures. Ada seemed no more sensible

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of the presence of her mother than that of her invisible Friend & Comforter. She says in her last letter—He has seemed as real as an earthly & visible Father, & I have realized Him watching about me as I kept on struggling & sleepless from hour to hour." You will miss her very much in your stay at Lee.

Mr. Grimes left a week ago last Monday for Washington. I believe much excitement is anticipated in Congress. The present crisis seems to me full of the most serious interest but not an occasion of any great alarm. Of course, I may not very fully comprehend it.

The reviews which you were kind to send to me I read &

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returned as you desired.

I hope you will continue to write me as you have leisure. It is pleasant to be remembered by you though I am becoming so very poor a correspondent. I write to so few friends that I miss the ease with which we perform that which we do regularly & frequently.

I am glad Moses is again at Lee. & hope he may make it his permanent home there. The beautiful Cartland house must be a cherished place to all the family as it is in the memories of all their friends to whom it has even been familiar.

Truly yr. affectionate friend,  
Elizabeth S. Grimes