

inferior to Mother. I wish you
could see my lovely ones.
My Dear Mother
I have a great variety now in
Hornum & his is a
land of flowers, and
I hope they may never
be touched by Yankee
invasion.
My kindest love to
all of my brothers,
Tell Fannie &
I shall see them
I heard of his
narrow escape from
death. I hope it
may prove ~~to~~ a
warning and that she
may feel and
know that Fannie
is always protected.
him

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I have to write you
the sad news of dear little Minnie's
death, She was sick about four
weeks, she had whooping cough
and Pneumonia combined, She
suffered a great deal but was so
patient during all of her sickness,
Indeed she was a remarkable child,
one of the ^{most} intelligent and inter-
esting children I ever saw, and
was the life of the household,
While sick she asked her Mother
to sit on the bed and read the
Bible to her, and also asked to get
her book and sing some for her and
joined in with her, She died in
a convulsion, but looked beauti-

I want to get his boots, and will if possible. Remember me
to Mary and Guey, and Mary and her sister. I wish I could
see you all.

fully after death, She was dressed
in a ~~thick~~ tucked jacket that
was made for her christening
dress, and the little thing was
almost covered with white roses
and geranium leaves, the ~~ceremo~~^{servi}
~~ny~~ were performed by an Epis
copal Minister and she was bur
ied at Pt Welch, Tom ^{Auntie's} little
boy was baptised by the side of
Gister while she was a corpse, of
course it was an imposing scene,
Pannie and Mr Welch are deeply
grieved for they had made an
idol of the child, but it tries
to bear it with a great deal of
fortitude, She came here from
the burial as Pierre was sick, and
I could not go, I was anxious she should
remain several days, but she thought
Mr W would be too lonely now his
dear little Minnie was gone, I
had not been able to go to Mr W's

Write as soon and as often as you can, Write to Nannie,
your affectionate daughter, Feb 13

for several days before Minnie's death,
owing to Peter's illness, he had been
gestion of the brain, and his life
was despaired of, he is up & about
to day running over the house, We
lent a very valuable servant with
the same disease a few days since
only lived three days after he was
taken sick, I never felt so terribly
before the uncertainty of life, struggling
in the midst of life as we in ~~the~~
death. I feel sad to think
the Yankees have again been so
near you, and fear you all are
not safe in Bulpepper, and if
danger is near I do not think
I would remain there, Nannie
told me to tell you how much
she wished for you during Minnie's
sickness, It would have been such
a gratification to her for you to have
been with her, She is very anxious
to have you with her.

Gue left here on yesterday, she has been
anxious to go to Pa in the summer,
but I tell her it will not be
forudent for her to do so, the Gauch
will get her, and that she had
better keep as far away as possible
I do not know what is new her
conclusion, I told her she must
write for Ned to come on and
spend some time with us, he is
too young to be in the army, and
the family is well represented
without him, He ought to be
in college. I hear from Martha
every week, ^{she} is progressing well
I understand in her studies,
She is anxious tho to be at home,

Henry is still in Tuscaloosa
wants to get in the navy but

his Father is still opposed,
John is a large boy and feels
his importance. Anna is a quiet
modest little thing but not