

Omaha Neb.  
Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1883.

Dear Friend Lee.

Your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> recd today. To express my heartfelt grief over the death of dear Every, by letter would be a useless attempt - after you imparted to me the sad intelligence of his death, I left the parlor & alone in my room I recalled the many sweet hours he used to sit with me, & tears of unutterable grief fell from my eyes & more sincere, more deep & more eloquently than

words, they <sup>can</sup> portray to you  
some idea of my heartfelt  
& intense grief, Oh could  
we but bring him back  
to us again even for only  
a moment to say farewell  
to Mother, Father, & Bro's & friends  
Alas he is gone, gone, forever,  
"Gone but not forgotten"  
What a sad journey you  
had to Memphis - how your  
dear Mother must suffer,  
for her devotion to her sons  
was deeper than most  
Mothers have. I have  
dear Avey's last letter to  
me & have placed it among  
other tokens of sad remem-  
brances. Have you heard  
from Rivers? since I saw  
you? I trust he is safe  
& well. let me know - I had

a letter yesterday from my  
Mother she feels very sad  
over the death of Avey.  
we all loved him & I know he  
loved us.

I shall leave here for a  
visit to my Mother & Sister  
about the 10<sup>th</sup> remain  
three weeks at Sister's (Cedar  
Chapel) then take my niece  
to school at Staunton  
Vir. I have not decided  
on the route to take, possi-  
bly may not reach Memphis  
at all - should I go to M -  
my first pleasure will be  
to acquaint you of my arri-  
val. Send me two copies  
of your paper in memoriam  
I wish to keep one & send  
the other to a friend in  
Cheyenne. I have so often

spoken to this friend  
of Avery & yourself -

See whenever you think  
of me have time to write  
to so - I shall soon have  
a picture of myself to  
send you - & if you have  
one of Avery I can have  
without depriving the  
family please send to me  
also of yourself. My love  
to your Mother & tell her  
I am deeply grieved over  
the loss of dear Avery -

My wishes to be remem-  
bered to you - Love from  
your friend,

Mrs A. W. Phillips  
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Omaha  
Feb.