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East Dennis
Barnstable County - Mass

Dennis May 30th 1886

My Dear Friend James.

Your letter with
the sad intelligence of the
death of Jim Charter - has been
forwarded me here at home - where
I shall remain until Tuesday
morning. My heart is full
of tenderest sympathy for
you all in this hour of dire
calamity and grief - I mourn
with you the loss of such a
person. It must be a most
heart crushing grief and agony
for you - and coming before
she has recovered from the loss
of her son, it seems harder
still to bear. I am glad to
hear his brother was with him.

It is most kind to me also,
and I am sure you have
the fullest sympathy of every
person who ever knew kind of
yourself. We realize that
the world with all its
sorrow - is full of we and
anguish, and is literally a
"vale of tears" -

"The Beauty of Grand
Spain upon the high
peaks"

Yours loving friend
Thos P Hoover

Letter from Thomas P. Howes to James Sturgis Howes; stamped envelope, postmarked "East Dennis, May 31 1886", to "James S. Howes, Esq, East Dennis, Barnstable County, Mass"; letter embossed with shield/crest:

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My dear Friend James.

Your letter with the sad intelligence of the death of son Charles has been forwarded me here at home, where I shall remain until Tuesday morning. My heart is full of tenderest sympathy for you all in this hour of dire calamity and grief. I mourn with you the loss of such a person. It must be a most heart [---]ing grief and agony for Lydia, and coming before she has recovered from the loss of her son^[1], it seems harder than to bear. I am glad to hear his brother was with him. [over page] It is most bitter to you all, and I am sure you have the fullest sympathy of every person who ever knew him or yourself. We realize that the world with all its blessings is full of woe and anguish, and is literally a "vale of tears."

"The beauty of Israel is [---]ain upon the high places"

Your loving friend

Thos P Howes



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¹ DVR-1558: Died, Woods Holl, 5 Sept 1883, Joshua Brenard Hall, single, 16y 11m 1d, Putrid Ulcerated throat, b. & res. East Dennis, father Charles Hall (b. East Dennis), mother Lydia Hall (b. East Dennis), buried Dennis. This may have been a streptococcal infection, for which antibiotics did not exist as a cure.