

Letters from his father, the Revd Benjamin Hobson

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Wackney. Wed Sep 11. 1839

My Dear Bery.

The Book "Foster's" is due by 10 days sooner than was once announced - but we cannot get it done. I & myself to write to you she will write much I dare say - I the dear children all at the gardens intended as to do but their letters will be too late as they do not return home till Friday -

I will begin with stating what we have asked in part according to the direction of your friend Lockart - Two letters reached here this day week - I was forwarded to me at Welford - one send you two letters ^{I have for} the two light lamps 2..2.0 for the best instructions ^{L S} each of 2..8 - two chamber lamps 5/6 each - best of the each 1/2 - the case 1/2 - the diagram 1/2 - I mention the price that you may know what to do if you wish to sell them - I suppose they are much more valuable with you than with us - I hope they will be what you approve - your Sister & I have done our best - I trust you will find them useful - the little globes can be put on & used when one breaks -

Your certificate was delivered only on the 10th - Your Uncle had previously called but it was not ready till that day & notices were issued to the Parties that they would be delivered at a certain hour on that day - On Saturday at my house the day after I came from home I took it to your friend I say to direct you will receive two books I thought relative to the London University - one relates to the Arts but I thought it might be useful -

I yesterday called at 301 Strand a Surgeon instrument maker - on enquiring he wrote a note to Government - I called as soon as I returned to Town & we thought it desirable to wait a little longer in hope that the whole might ^{right} arrive - I called on Tues (yesterday) & found that Mr Carter had ^{sent} ~~received~~ no more of the Instruments - I thought it best to bring away what Mr M at 301 Strand had received viz two books - 10 Colloids & a box of Sculpels - I will call to morrow & desire him to ~~write~~ write to Carter to forward the other forthwith - I enclose

The note from your Friend - I intended to have sent you a copy of *The*
Universalist's life at my expense if there was any objection to send one to
the Medical Library - but the Committee had previously determined to
send out 4 copies - Mrs. Crandall left Town last week to spend
her month at Sandgate Kent - Mrs. M^{rs} A. are with her -
Mr. Ellis has left Town for 6 months to regain of his health
which is a loss unpaired - Mr. Tilden - & M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs}
& Mr. Freeman will then answer the letters from the Missionaries till
his return - Mr. Collier has sent his M^{rs} - I wrote him a letter
to request him to do so, but he took no notice of my letter -

The Birmingham Missionary Meeting is this week, Mr. Freeman
is there with one of the Malagasy Converts - I will be at our Meeting
with the above on the 14 of next month, with the Rev. Mr. M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs}
India & Sth M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs} - Mr. Tilden will go through the County -

I returned home on the 17th of Aug. & after I had been there a fortnight
I began to be so low in thinking of you & that I was a morning
& without a morsel to breakfast - that I felt afraid I should be quite ner-
vous & so I came here as I had promised I would if I felt a little
very much - I came last Friday & returned on the same day when
five of us met - I am now very well - I have seen your Friend
I am sure he thinks I shall want her and in 2 or 3 months I shall
will be 20 - You will perceive from the enclosed letter from
Thos - that dear wife is but poorly - I shall rejoice if God protect
her life for many years but I feel as if you will never see her
again - How beautifully she writes to your Sister about you to cheer her
mind - she is occupied growing in grace & in the knowledge of our Lord
Jesus Christ - Your dear Mother was almost ill after you left her - the
first letter we sent her from India had a very happy effect in tran-
quilizing her mind - she loves dearly her Son - she is now arriving
at Thos - this day from Tracy or her way home - I presume dear
Ally will tell you all the news respecting your Uncle & Aunt M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs} M^{rs}
- Mrs. Russell - I have said state of mind - & young Buck is prepared
to join our Church - Josh Brooks & John Pebody were instructed the
day you & we returned to the Isle of White - on the day of the storm, more
I am full that had fallen in England in any one day for 20 years -
- the Bank of the ~~rescue~~ ^{canal} burst near Helworth Mill they
had near 100 men at work when Brooks & Pebody despaired them-
selves - I am quite a Teetotaler - Your Uncle Collier was
suddenly attacked with a Bilious sickness & I was suddenly called upon
in his stead to preach for the Reed - but I took no time to prepare or after - I had
not time to look at my notes till I got in the vesting but I am thankful
I was self sufficient & had a comfortable morning -

I am happy to say your serious & striking address at Welford produced a deep impression on many whether a saving influence will these -
- the people had a prayer meeting for you & us all the evening you anchored at Cowes - & they remember you in their social addresses on a Monday evening -

You are much on my mind, & at my best moments you will be ever remembered ~~with~~ by me, by us all - the past & good work in which you are engaged in some measure has brighten'd my mind; tho I was so depressed in thinking of your & things about you that I tho I have said was necessitated to come here - I could not open my feelings to any at home & at Welford when I had not one relative with me - you happily find that less are better than one - you will find it a wonderful alleviation when you can confide all your soul to one so dear to you & also to us - you will give my best love to her & may the health of you both be preserved & may you both live to cheer ^{the} heart & gladden the eyes of your Parents & Sisters &c in England - I hope you will see my grey hairs once more, but if not the will of the Lord be done - rest &c

"I welcome all thy Sovereign will, for all that will is love & when I know not what thou dost, I wait the light above" — your father is not like Mr Dickinson, he was confirmed to his bad merely the whole of the last week — whether he will ever rally is doubtful — Mr Coe says he is quite a Hypochondriac — I shall be sorry if he is disqualified for any duty — I saved his Son much the generally beloved compromise with his creditors & Mr Newman on which it must be done — How painful, he had nothing & his wife had upwards of £1800 & where is it — The night you were at Welford — B of St was drunk in the meeting — Miss Smeaton cast him off immediately — the wedding was to have been this day week after — he has then played the fool & ended exceedingly — Josiah Smeaton is leaving Birmingham, he will be at home for a season — You are announced to visit —

in a season - You are announced in the May as stationed
at Canton - but I hope the Brethren will find you who deserve I
presume at Macao - I trust you are still living near God
& enjoying his presence - It is a great thing to be spiritual in
our own mind to be useful to others - may God ever lift
upon you the light of his Countenance and do more for you than you
can either ask or think - we shall be anxiously expecting to hear
from you, but still not desponding -

what statement of the Parcel from Paris - the little
 show under the way 10 & of show and others - I think
 this thing 2 - I like it & center as far as I
 & I mean they both have been when we have some writing
 we should be more busy and I hope - I think it is a little every
 week

Mrs. H. S.

I do think Mr. E. doing my kind to very deserving of attention as to
 the direction in the engine - I hope you will be able to do a little
 every day will make it easy but you can't with fluency -
 — Dear Sir, I have written so much of letters writing much
 more that I am afraid you will be in danger of losing things here
 now, so I have not any more - I can't know just exactly
 the same paper this is in a very important lot, a very fine
 the things of the other come to the same lot - I think it is a very

to the school. I think it is very well - a good deal of a new
 school of law or law school with before that - I need not men
 the "predecessor" that you can find it as a body in time -
 — we have had very strong weather - but I have been very fine
 these 3 last days so that an immense quantity of corn to come
 — I have been in my everything about you all with as early as
 convenient - I hope you will receive this a day - The law case will
 for the right hand of the doctor - I am sure you ever before
 the school of the other - the same school as before

Welford. Jan 20 1840

My Dear Benj.

We know not what you will do now there is rupture with China - we presume you would hear of this at Batavia from Mr. Medhurst & that you will come to Malacca till matters are adjusted with the Celestial Empire - I trust kind Providence will overrule all these apparently untoward events for the rapid extension of his kingdom - we have followed you with our prayers & good wishes, & not you only but your beloved James, to whom you impart all our best love - I expect to have to us as well as to yourself that you have a help-mate for you - may your life there be long shared with blessings to the world - & may the same be reciprocated by your colleagues - give my respects to every one with you - we shall be fully expecting to hear from you in March - A P. S. Package was sent (I presume directed for you) in the Portuguese - this included part of your instruments - & the document from the London University, Mr. Colleson's address to you - there with two or three letters were put into a box case - we sent you. Lampy which Mr. Lockhart recommended -

At times we feel very low about you - we want your presence & medical advice - ^{& Mary for help} dear Steph is the subject of despondency & hysteria - but I trust we shall live to see each other in the flesh - Many were much affected with your address - several have mentioned it to me - I do not know whether I mentioned in my last that Mr. Prosser was struck in the House of God that night - & in consequence of which Miss Smeaton at once discarded him - he is now named to Miss Everard of Masely - Miss Smeaton's friend - we have lost him as a house - she is now at Leamington with her Brother James who has begun business for himself - Mr. Clay of Sully is dead - so is Joseph Lovel of the Abbey & his Mother - the latter one very suddenly - I am still a Teetotaler - so is dear Cliff

1 Sept & Mr & Mamma - & you dear Mother almost -

Mr Parker who on a visit either to Bunting or Derby was thrown from the gig by the horse running away & he was so seriously injured that he died in a few days this was in October - Mr Wilkinson was thought to be dying a month ago but he is rallyed a little - yet he keeps his bed still - his daughter is going to be married to Mr Palmer a Draper of Stratton - ~~at present~~ Mr W Wilkinson & Miss Bates are married & live at Islington - Mr Marnock has left Sheffield & gone to live at Hackney - he has bought a concern there - I hope it will answer - Mrs M is with us waiting for information that the goods are arrived & the house ready - the late proprietors & present landlord have retired from business

Money will from Beaumont (Thos) has been round the County - we raised £28 - & I am going to remit to Mr Cresswell a draft for £427 - ^{thus} with what has been sent will make more than £100 & that was not last year, some congregations have fallen off - we have had interesting religious services in our place - we had morning & evening services for three days which were pleasingly attended - we hope God will be the result about ten we have had religious conferences coming ^{from} or departed by there - there was a day of humiliation held in America - & Scotland & by us every in England the first Monday in this month for particularly for the African cause -

Mr Miller has given great offence by not with drawing his name from the Committee of a Society headed by Clergymen & a persecuting Society professedly against the Catholics but also really against the Dissenters - he will not do this - hence all his Deacons have resigned & the Church have thrice requested him to resign - there was only 40 communicants on the 5th inst -

— I think I have told you all the news — I am happy to say that our Prayer meetings are uncommonly well attended — so are our Wednesday lectures — our singing on the Sabbath is as good a better than when you were here — Miss Goodson our adopted spiritual child of mine has left us & goes to Sudbury to hear a Baptist Antinomian, — I felt thus at the first — but I ~~have~~ ought to be thankful that no more have come so of the Church — Mr & Mrs. Whitwell have proved to all be made for fickleness — I sometimes think I must give up soon — I feel at times pain in my side — perhaps it is only muscular — my voice is good & for the most part my spirits —

— Hoping you will get these letters in due time

I remain your ever affectionate

Father

Benj. Hobson —

I write to Mr. James requesting
he would be so kind as to send me the MSS
containing his address to you — ^{we} very recently he could
not find it — but he has transmitted it & your dear
Cly has transcribed it for you — I would recommend
you to secure it & the address of your dear Uncle fre-
quently —

Dr. H. H. H. H.



Welford, July 1. 1840.

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My Dearest Bery.

We have ascertained from your Friend Hodgson that the last despatch leaves Liverpool on the 3rd - I embrace the opportunity of sending by it to you - I deeply regret you were so long in hearing from us - it was unfortunate that we sent the first letters in a Box sent to you at Canton of Open, or at Singapore, by the Hastings - I hope you have received this Box ere now, as well as all our other letters - in that Box was your degree in a tin case - I amps - some articles of books & instruments.

Perhaps you might at times feel as if we were unkind or in different to you, when you heard not from us - but I trust I need not assure you you are still dear & move on us - does not absence make the heart grow fonder - every day of our lives yourself & dearest Jane are remembered by us in our best moments - I grant it was an oversight we did not write by different ships & direct to different places - but doubtless we were not informed when some of them sailed - I trust however the Packet we sent to Mr. Lockhart has reached you with Mr. James' address - we will write again in the beginning of Aug' - the letter in Hodgson sent to me by land was 6/- as it weighed more than 1/2 lb once - there will be 1/2 as it is under that weight - I send you in one of the new Envelopes - I shall enclose half sovereign to Mr. Hodgson.

We have been rejoiced by your letters - tho' we could not but regret you sailed from Ancien Point - we were full of apprehension lest you should be imprisoned while at Macao - however that is dissipated - your persons will be safe we believe if you should be necessitated to leave Macao, if you continue stationery & safe it will appear all for the best your presence there - we can but greatly rejoice in your health & happiness - we hope your dear babe is living & comfortable to you - you & its dear Mother have a new class of feelings - how delightful to be a Parent - but how important, how responsible is the name & relation - I do hope your health & that of your beloved Partner will continue good - & that the next communication will ~~also~~ afford us the great pleasure that all are well - we received the Parcel last Friday week - I am greatly obliged by your present of some tea - we shall

find it pleasant to our taste in a higher degree as it is sent by
one we so much love - I shall certainly present your Mother
with 2 lbs of it - or get her to subtract that quantity - the shoes con-
tributed are it is scarcely possible that an adult female can wear
them - I will enclose the same annual letter which is a very
good one

We have often talked of you & rejoiced with you in your successful
voyage - preservation from shipwreck, kind & pleasant
friends, & splendid enjoyments, useful to sailors medically &
~~extra~~ ^{very} spiritually - your fellow passengers would rejoice to have
such a medical friend ^{with} them - Mrs Padden could not share the
appreciate your kindness - how thankful we are, my son,
to hear of your great courage & of triumph - we feel thankful to a
kind Providence for providing you with such an help, ~~meet~~ -
may her valuable life be long shared to you - it is a cause
of thankfulness both to you & your friends that your interest
in the Mission increases

Many thanks for your letter to your dear Mother
the assurance ^{proof} you had not forgotten her was deeply felt - indeed
we always wept over ^{the reading} every letter - your letters only cost us 8^d -
but whatever cost they are sent from

Mr Wilkinson died in March - he never got over the
fall - Miss W is married to a Palmer a draper who was at
Stratton, is a deacon & lives in Mrs Wilkinson's house & she
lives with them - he seems to have a good share of business
- Mrs Gilbert is pious - & a number under religious impressions
- Hannah Smeeta joined the Church last church meeting -
- Robert is baptized - tho he was quite drunk when you
addressed us at Welford - I have been since - we think
the Baptismal water has shown an impression real in
immersing him & has paid him a great attention - we
are afraid Miss Smeeta greatly feels it - I hope God may
bless her a good husband - it did seem an excellent
match for her in many respects -

David's Rachel is in deep melancholy - alas, alas -

— you know in what family affliction we have been by the most distressing dysentery of dear Steph — & the effects anxiety & attendance had upon dear Eliza — they returned home improved but not so well as we hoped — & how we wanted you — yesterday I had a marvellous escape my foot slipped when getting in ^{the} chair as it was going on — it did not run over my leg — but my foot was sprained & we called in Mr. Cox — & the bearing of the disaster brought another seizure & she is in bed all of my low & nervous — we are thankful I am not much the worse — I have been very poorly for some time — I have been obliged to give up Teal's hammer — I had lost 24 lb. in weight & was so enervated I could not go on & three medical Gen^{ls} ordered me to take wine — Dr. Kerr says three glasses of wine, tho he himself is a total abstinence man — I take this just now, & soon I hope I shall do with one glass — I have increased 6 lbs in weight —

On the 14th inst I shall be 60 years of age — & my birth day is my wedding day when I shall have been married 32 years — I have had as much conjugal bliss as most men — with respect to myself I have deeply to lament I have been such an unprofitable servant — that I have been comparatively so little useful — may my latter days be my best days — the Patriarchism is the death of Mr. Foster of Salton. Walden at 39 years of age & I am sure & soon I dare say shall be in good health —

I hope the agitation in China will make way for the furtherance of the gospel — we know that God will accomplish all things for his glory & the good of his cause — the large Armament from England is lately arrived at Cohina — & we are full of anxiety to hear the result — still we repose with more calmness than we once did when we were apprehensive of your safety — it was very kind of you to write to us so often — Mrs. D. had a feel of her hand leaving my ^{dear} Harry Kirby Wall — ~~and~~ we all join in love to you both — my respects to Mr. Milne — I am your ever affectionate Father —

Wellsford Wed Sep 30. 1840.

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My Dear Benj

On Tues the 8th of this month we received your most valuable present of the Tea - all the boxes were taxed at the Custom House - the duty was $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ or $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ per lb upon $1\frac{1}{2}$ - the duty seems to be nearly less of than our $1\frac{1}{2}$ - I had your uncle & duty took care - but to New York - and I matters I 7, 8, 6 - this your kind present I dare say will last us 3 years - should you in some future time send us another supply, pray consign it to me direct - for Mrs Morrison by no means received your uncle's presents, she said she had had so much trouble to be - he was quite wounded - The tea is of most exquisite flavour - & you will receive all our thanks in general but mine in particular - I am so afraid it would inconvenience you - 40 dollars being about 1 sufficient I ^{to} - I wish your uncle to take out $1\frac{1}{2}$ which he did viz 3 as your present & 1 as mine - I am going to Town in a fortnight when I shall take some for dear Anne - I also for your father & Ellison -

From what you send in your letter of the 1st we are expecting another letter daily - this letter was received nearly 3 weeks since - we rejoice to hear of your good health - & of that of your beloved friend Benj - I hope this will continue long & be uninterrupted for many years - I hope you would soon after you write in the first of the receive - somewhat large packet from Batavia - we sent there expecting you would hear of the hostilities in China & be induced not to proceed - I hope your determination was for the best & that you are at this moment perfectly safe & well - the last report was that Canton was destroyed by the English - but I attach no credit to it till we have it confirmed - Mr Hardy writes me & said they would hear of the arrival of the Fleet in December this month - I am quite calm respecting you because I perceive you are under British protection - your dear mother is full of anxiety respecting you - let us rejoice that the Lord omnipotent reigneth - I am glad you are so dependent on your attention to the language - I hope you will excel in it in all respects - that you may read & speak with fluency - & converse with accuracy - this may be of no small importance to you - your senses may be opened on some occasions as in Antioch - I feel thankful that your heart is in your work - & that what you have undertaken to do you are doing it with your might - we shall be gladdened I have no doubt with your disquisitions upon the subject of Prayer - be encouraged by dear Sam - you are remembered by us & by others visiting us in the family & in the Sanctuary - thus Prayers offered for you without ceasing even ardent sincere affectionate Prayers

The Missionsary Deputation for the L. M. S. is in New York from Malacca - he commenced his tour next Sat & will be here on the 12. of Oct - I have not seen him as yet - your dear Mother has heard from Mrs Albany they have a valuable son for dear Mrs D - I will have one of Prescotes &c - but we think it best not to see a till we hear how matters are at Malacca - I shall I believe take our box which is not large with me to London - I am in the necessity of visiting Mrs Saunders - I lost one of my own teeth on Sat last - I am not now in a state to eat meat - I wish you I hope to stay till Mrs D has been with us -

I was from home four days last week - during that time a message was sent from Miss Eaton requesting my immediate return & as she was very ill - as I was absent she then sent to your dear Mother who conveyed I prayed with her & she died shortly after - she was not one of my friends - but she was not attached to the clergyman & therefore she sent for me believing me to be faithful - the old gentleman is still living but exceedingly infirm -

Mr Symonds we hear has much regretted leaving Bedford - Mr Lea was named Monday fortnight to a young person of Dover - we have now a Policeman who keeps more order in the village than there use to be - he permits no beer to be drunk after ten o'clock - yesterday they were collecting for a look up ^{cup} they call it - a kind of brown or dark beer - we wearing gave 5 - Mr Thos Eaton 3 & my self 2 - how they are going on I know not - Mr Brown who was at Well-Street has left - he thinking it right to be immersed - what will be the result I know not - they will keep going on for the present & they may hear of an acceptable minister - Mrs Blackburn is going to leave Hackney - her niece is going to be married to a Mr Parsons a Minister in Staffordshire & she is going to reside with them, thus will be great loss to Well-Street for she was very active & liberal - Mrs Collins has been at Gravesend but has returned no better & is now very feeble - Dear Anne has also been there & I am happy to state has returned much improved - she felt very much in the loss of her infant Rebecca, but her mind is more than made up - she went with Mr. Marshall & the children & your wife spent part of the time with them I was better off

— we have had a most delightful Harvest — two of my farmers said
they never got in their corn so well — the wheat is very good & these full
ones are crops — things were very gloomy in June & part of July — but
such merciful weather is as sent us was scarcely ever known — at
most constant time we either expect when the grass begins to grow to want
rains, then we had rain for most of 2 days & then the sun went forth
in his might — Mr. Bunner said but for such weather he thought
wheat would have been a crimson free brushel — Last Friday morning
we had a fine burst out from stacked time & 8 inches of corn & hay
were consumed — ~~the wheat~~ in the rock yard of Mr. Elkins — he
is insured for £500 & that will cover his loss — Providence only the
wind was still due the two houses of Mr. Elkins & Mr. Bunner might
be burned & the latter was uninsured —

— Mr. Prout is writing the life of Mr. Williams — what a great
loss to the cause would have sustained — a fortnight ago we
had a visit from an interesting youth of 20 the son of a merchant in
Siberia, of the name of Stallobach — he is studying very severely at
Glasgow — also Anatomy & Surgery — he intends to return with
his brother to Siberia —

I do not recollect whether I mentioned that Mr. Prout lost both
of his dear sons by something like the Group, a short time after each
other — & Mrs. Thompson has lost two of her children in one day of the
same complaint — Miss Wilkinson is named to a Mr. Palmer
a Doctor of Medicine who now succeeds Mr. Wilkinson & attends the
Chapel — the children of Mr. Wilkinson have erected a tablet in the
Chapel — as a tribute of affection to her ~~bro~~ memory

— I have to state they are comfortably fixed at Holloworth with a
Rev. Mr. Hopwood — at Colyton they are in a desolate state and
unsettled — I have an independent Minister at Kensington
besides for his hours the Duke & Duchess of Sutherland — the Dukes
were of the R^{ts} the Duke & Duchess of Sutherland — the Dukes
both should become decidedly pious — 3 others of rank & title but whose
names I have forgotten attend the S^c occasionally — Lady Baskin
one of the ~~Queen~~ Maids of Honour to the Queen attend with the Queen to
the Opera — if she goes to the door she determines — these things are
satisfying — what a mercy if some distinguished by rank should
be distinguished by Piety — the S^c you remember was a Professor in
London the University College he has ~~now~~ resigned —
— your letters cost me 8 — the last you sent me cost 2/3 I was 3/4

half ours - I once continued with us - her health is greatly improved -
- her relocation in Aug 1839 was of great importance - I am happy to say
I am greatly improved - so is your dear Sister Eliza - I both live and are
happier - she has at times great lassitude - your dear Mother & Hannah
are very well - I have a pleasing circumstance to mention to you
Mrs Gilbert the daughter of Mrs Bottrell is betrothed to join our church - she
received her impressions from your vale during a drop at Bedford -
- you were speaking how few become pious after 25 years of age
this could be her conversion - this should encourage you -

Old Mr. Tainty is dead & left a very unjust will - his supposed
three little or next to nothing to the only daughter & his youngest
sons - I shall send this to your friend Hodgson - he is very kind
& obliging -

We rejoice very dear Son in your state of mind, your
devotional frame, your devotedness to your work & your prospects of
usefulness - may your success be proportionate to your wishes
- that you may be the beloved Physician to the bodies & souls of
men - may almighty power through his shield of protection
over you - preserve you from disaster, disease & death - if the
Lord will may I & your beloved Mother & Sisters again
see you in the flesh - that now I am Bury the aged may
see my son & grandson, - may my beloved Jane also
be spared & in good health - may we have the pleasure of seeing
her with you & especially her beloved Parents - however I would
desire to say the will of the Lord be done - we are anxiously
expecting news from the Land of Sinim -

Mr Cooke has invited us to the Missionary meeting which
this year is later than usual & in consequence of the Musical
Festival being at Birmingham last week - Hoping to hear
from you soon I remain
Your ever affectionate Father

- we all unite in the warmest expressions of love to you both -
- Mrs Cloy the oldest of our Members & Mrs Burr
Ward of the Swan is very ill with inflammation in the chest &
accompanied with much fever -

Wellford. Jan^y 2. 1841

My Dear Benj^y

This day is to you, to us, to be here an important day - on this day a quarter of a century ago it was said to your dear Mother by one now in heaven "unto you a Son is born" She accepted the language of Scripture because she knew it was to her who gave you birth joyful tidings, & she remembered no more the anguish, for joy that a man was born into the world - She was very wishful for a Son - and God gave her the desire of her heart & withheld not from her the request of her lips & I believe that from ^{that} day to this you have been the Son of our ^{earnest} prayers & deepest solicitude & for near one third part of your life the subject of our truest joy - Thanks be to God for giving us a Son in whom we have so much comfort & concerning whose extensive usefulness we have so many pleasing hopes -

Once you were on the brink of the grave, your dear Mother could not save you, but probably life would have soon been extinct had not your father discovered that notwithstanding your greatly debilitated frame the vital fluid was discharging itself from the vessels made by the leeches - which having been rechecked by your medical attendants might have proved fatal before the morning dawned - you have had escapes from death in sailing, in travelling, from inhaling contagious malarial air - "twice to his care we owe our health & all our near escapes from death" we are in jeopardy every hour, but having obtained help from God we continue to this day - you have entered in securely the most dangerous & have gone far off to the Gentiles, to the land of idolaters & I trust it may be said of you as was said of Joseph & by him "God meant it unto good to save many people alive" - I trust you will save many alive from natural death, that you may be the beloved, the useful, the indefatigable Physician - this will be a cause of praiseworthy high exultation - but I trust you will save many from spiritual & eternal death - save souls from death I hide a multitude of sinners - that in this respect you may be more useful than Joseph - may you become the spiritual father of a very numerous progeny, who shall call you blessed & who shall crown Jesus, through your means, Lord of all

These hopes encouraged you to renounce the pleasing prospects you had of
sacrificing your official capacity, in your native land, these hopes induced us
to forego the pleasure of your Society, to urge you up to the work to which he, it
appears clearly, called you - therefore thus we yearn for you - tho you are
still dear to us & we should greatly rejoice to see you, yet we have not regret
that you have left the land of your fathers, but we trust not far - it may
your dear Mother to whom you are so much, & who loves you so ardently - it may
be that your now aged father may see you, your dear friend & your dear
Brother, before he die - if not, if we shall not have this pleasure in this
valley, yet we hope your dear Sisters may have this felicity, that they may
then be able to their fostering care when your dear Parents are no more
seen - that you may still have sweet converse with your beloved Sister
such as you were wont to have in your walks of affection - & that all your
my children may meet together on earth in a communion which decidedly
to be wished - but I have my fears in this particular - for your Sister
Anne who is "excellent" is exceedingly overworked she is now situated in
this comparatively early stage of gestation to spend a great part of the day on
the sofa - what will be the result unknown - the greatest difficulty will be
necessary - & they are about to change their residence & to go to reside
near Regents Park - for I believe I mentioned - my last letter was the
Baronet to Botanical Gardens forming the more civil - his
plans have been accepted - his salary is to be £50 per annum - well chosen
coals & candles - he has taken a partner into his concern in the Nursery
in Hackney so that of the Gardens should not succeed he may have
a dinner without much trouble - Mr Marnock has been in the shop for
a month much officially engaged, & that time dear Cliff has been
with dear Anne - & is now residing with your uncle Collier who
is very well, Hannah is also well - Mrs Collier is very weak -
& probably will not survive the winter, she is not however confined
to her bed - your Uncle & Aunt in Clarendon are well - I am happy
your dear Mother is very well - so is Hannah - & I hope are not relaxed
but mercifully much better than in the spring - dear Cliff books school
every Sabbath - attends twice in the sanctuary - distributes tracts - collects con-
tributions for the LMS - visits the engineering & makes herself very careful
at home, has also attended to Hannah in the absence of her Sister - what
a mercy this is - so much better than we feared - dear Abigail is com-
ing home this day from visiting a young friend on her way from
Mill Hill - she is now no longer a faithful disciple & remembrance - but still
there is no doubt will be a student - Mr L. says her sister is the best
but her extreme selfishness I expect will be a barrier for some time -
it is a great mercy we are such a happy family circle, that we are one
in sentiment, in heart, in present in concern for the good of others - I trust
God will smile on us & give us more of his holy spirit preserve & increase
our graces & make us all blessings in this part of the journey and of our
Lord - I have to propose Miss & Sister - Mrs Hales - & Miss Hales
~~Miss Hales~~ & Mrs Hales to the church last night - I trust they will
be comforted to us - we have still peace & harmony in our Society - & I
trust this year will be one of great refreshment to souls - may it be so.
Amos & Anne.

Last Sat was the day of my annual address to the Young People - my text was
 Lam. III 27 the good be on Monday night I called upon G. Knight to pray
 He blessed that there were three present who did bear the yoke of X^t in their yokes
 & that they owed every thing to religion - many were melted by his
 Prayer I never heard him pray so well - I thought of you my son for
 what what would you have been without religion - perhaps a free thinker - free
 Sceptic & immoral - perhaps the grief of heart to your Parents & the abetter of sin
 - we can never be thankful enough for what grace has done for you - you
 will I am sure owe me credit, your dear mother & us all credit for sincerely
 & affectionately when we say we wish you many happy returns of this day
 that God would ward off disease & death till a round Period - that you may
 never be spared for many, many years to your dear Jane & dear Betsy &
 that they may be spared to you, that your high degree of congeniality
 may continue, that death may not separate you from each other
 & from us - God bless you my son, God who has fed me all my life
 long with this duty, the Angel who redeemed me from all evil, bless the
 soul & may the name of his father be on him - & the presence of him whose
 smile in heaven be enjoyed by you & our beloved Jane & by yourself through our
 this year - may it be a year of mercy to you & the 6 others -

this year - many it is a year of many things -
 We have had no tidings of the Fleet since Charran was taken -
 we are glad so little blood was shed in its capture - if officers should be
 adjusted without blood war how we shall rejoice - we hope you have
 been all preserved in safety & are still progressing in the acquisition of the
 important & difficult language - may your youths be comforts to you -
 we hope you all were rescued through the greatcoat & have had to exert your
 power - we are anxiously looking for the MSS to be - we rejoice however to
 hear such good tidings of your health & comfort you will have with the Misses in any
 family - this is very gratifying to us as well as to you - I have no doubt
 it will always be your study to promote harmony & conciliate esteem &
 affection - I am, Sir, your obedient servant, & Misses in any there will be

It will always be your study to promote harmony & concord
If hostilities should cease what a dearth of Missions there will be
in China - I hope the Roman Catholics will not be active & successful - the
I'll I am anticipating that the Friends of the Society will then you be less
than usual & would deficient - There is a great want of Missions in India &
- because we have no one to do it - The scheme they had one time - There is a great
effort making to evangelize all the benighted parts of England - & many collec-
tions were made - the last Sat. or Octob. for the British Missions & for the
Home Missions Society - to Rome & also for the Irish Emancipation Society - we have
transferred our stations to the front of these Societies. I shall have a disputation
on our & jointly need strength - Perhaps these efforts may as some de-
be done & the other not left undone - Let us laborably press Missions
will legally aided by their means - as now & here has well feel for the Master

depression confined to the paper - yet she does not expect to be a mother till
 May - Mr Jefferson of Theological Seminary is coming as a missionary to the S. Sea
 as he was educated among the Catholics, respect of her will be to oppose them
 - dear Arthur is much improved, she has finished schooling - we
 shall be most happy to see S. Parker - Mrs. Raper is very debilitated - her spirits
 are better than they were - I dare say they will write to you as well as I
 except our ^{kindest} love & give it to your beloved Jane - a kiss to my friends on whom
 God bless. I am your ever affectionate Mother -

S. Parker

Macao - Macao

John

Monday Jan 14 - Yesterday your letter to Eliza came to hand with the
 report of the 5th & 6th Seminary of letters - with the London express - the paper was
 charged 1/2 & the letter packet 1/4 - your papers on Opium he did not yet
 come to hand - perhaps we shall receive them soon - I think I have sent
 14 letters by redoubt mail - we rejoice to hear of your health & happiness - what
 blessings are there - the news is current via Petersburg that the English
 are in Peking & that the Emperor is fled - I am pleased with your
 paper in the repository - I read this letter to Miss Lockhart as a study
 reading this week - you are very kind in writing to us so often
 & I hope you will hear as often as you expect - I do hope you have
 seen the Packet from Kotawa - Eliza is in Madras - Don came in a great

Welford. Thursday

Jan 22. 1841

My Dear Benj'

Miss Lockhart has kindly informed us that a ship is going to sail direct for China in a day or two - though I wrote to you the beginning of this month yet I do not like to let this opportunity pass by without informing you that we are well & I hope I may say the same - for my self I should be much more so if I were more busy & more useful - I do hope the good work is going on tho' slowly - I grow weary & burdened & long to see my dear friends to the heart & crying out with the awakened prodigal - O Lord save I beseech thee, O Lord send now prosperity -

Dear Meph is pleasantly well & she is so thankful
she has not to take a situation - she is very devoted
she spends much time in retirement, & in visiting &
conversing with females respecting their eternal concerns
Very useful -

I do hope she will be greatly encouraged & very useful -
How different is her health to what it was a year ago - Pleased
be God - Dear Anne is very ^{well} - but I dare say
your dear mother who is writing to you below June will tell
her all about her - Eliza is still in London - she has been
9 weeks there - except her home this day week - she is not
robust, she complains of lameness - perhaps she was rather
overdone with superintending the packing up of some things
~~when~~ ^{at} Mrs Marnocks when they were removing ^{about} a fortnight
since to the neighbourhood of Regents Park. -

Thanks is improved & happy & returning home -
Wishes you well - so is your dear Mother

I hope ere now you have received the letters sent to you
via Batavia - they would not be quite so precious as Rubies,
yet I dare say they would give you pleasure. I trust you
will not have to complain of apparent neglect - your dear Ce-
cilia is writing from London, by a young man going to see
Zutphoff - she has procured some toys for her dear
Stephen - I just mention this as the ship from Liverpool
may arrive first - tho' that from London was to sail
last Monday. ~~The fact~~ the letter of yours it reached us
before your two Protests - the latter about a month later - we
were happy to hear that you had heard from us - your
letter of the 24 or 25 June only reached us last Sabbath -
- you mention something about expense, but thus we do
not regret - the Prime Paper cost 5/6, but we are greatly
obliged to you for sending it us as we are greatly pleased
with it & your Paper in the repository - the Newspaper
costs us 2^d - a letter B & a packet we see every 3 weeks
as there are 3 weeks - but do not omit sending us any thing
that is interesting on this account - we shall be sorry if you do
write when you can -

I am sure you will find it hard work to study &
acquire the language - but without labor omnium - your health
I hope will compensate good that in due time you will come to a
pretty correct knowledge of the language - may God grant that your
mind may be unimpaired & the life secured in duty may
you will be very of it - and is the means to an important
end - your work is arduous but also glorious - if the Father
is rugged the prize is noble -

I think I mentioned that the Society is greatly deficient this year
in its ~~number~~ of Friends - this week there are 4 meetings held
in four Chapels in London on this subject - I hope no Missions
will have to give up his station on this account - may God
open the hearts & hands of the Gentile - there is
a great effort making this year for British Missions - in our
own Island - Ireland & the Colonies & also in Australia &
thus perhaps may have some effect - ultimately it will aid
the Foreign Missions -

I hope things will be adjusted in the West Empire
without distressing war - & on a footing that will be advantageous
to both Countries & also the cause of Missions - I am happy
that our fears are now removed concerning you - how glad
we are you were not disappointed & safe & came home
without ^{with} Mr Stanton -

We shall be most happy to receive your promised
letter - I will just mention there is one thing we cannot
account for - ever you requested we sent all our letters to Mr Hodgson
but has a three months since we had a note from Miss Tothel ask
us to send our letters to them, direct & not through the
medium of Mr W - whether he has acted improperly or not
be a sister to Miss Tothel he & we know not -

We were much pleased with your letter to your dear
Mother - we sent it off the day we received it to dear E - may God
bless you my Son - & continue to shine upon your spirit & give
you growing ~~faith~~ & encouragement & communion with him

I hope your dear friend Jane is quite well with my regards as
may be preserved from all dangers & love to be a great
comfort to her Parents & Friends & all belonging to the Church -

I shall send to Mr. Abney some of your
interesting documents shortly - I am your ever affectionate
Father -

St. Paul's

St. John

Macao Hospital

China



Wellsford, Mass. March 1. 1841

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My Dear Ben

I have learned that the overland mail leaves on the 1st inst, to send by it
I now sit down to write to you - I have the pleasure of informing you that the
Packets by the Pythea & the Life both arrived ^{the same morning} week before last - they cost us \$1
I merely mention this not that I wish you to abstain from sending us anything
you think interesting - as it is always a pleasure to hear from you &
your dear James - The parcel by the Life both arrived but not received - perhaps
it may come by the Carrier to-morrow night - as there was no bill of lading with
I had to sign a receipt sent from the Custom House before it could be delivered -
therefore none of your documents are lost - I have previously mentioned that
the document on Opium was received & properly appraised - ~~which~~ Clay has trans-
cribed it & I have sent it first week to Mr. James - I had previously sent your letter
to him - I am sure that article for him shall be forwarded - John Jones on is rather
lardy in finishing a transcript of the Opium papers, but we are expecting them every
day when they shall be forwarded to Sunderland - I presume you will receive
this month a Box of Preserves we sent to you in last post by the Grayhound & Life they
will prove good - I regret to have to state that a valuable box for your beloved James
~~now~~ sent to the Messrs. House to be sent last & shipped that month in the Albion
has been detained till now - the action not receiving sufficient loading - but she is to
sail this week or next - as Amund says this week - as Hardy says in the
11 or 12th - I am sorry for this detention as it is very much in common with your
dear wife - The small box with a few toys for Ben is not yet sent - whether the
young man has altered his mind or not I have forgotten to send for it as the
promised (when he went we know not) - I hope in future you will never be
exercised with painful disappointments respecting letters - I hope you have
not for a moment really thought we were uncommunicative, or unconcerned
about, & indifferent to you - I have no hesitation in assuring you that you are
much in our esteem & affectionate regards - we all tenderly, constantly, & really
love you & yours, and much as we ought to do - we are very sorry that
things have been so untoward & that we have sent letters by Boxes when we
should have sent by the Ships Bag - we sent as requested to Mr. Dodge & Lockhart
& we naturally thought they would do that which was best - but long ear now
I hope all have been received & that your minds are perfectly tranquil respecting
us - our dear friend in Sunderland our much friend in the East have sent us very
letters as well as we - Lewis & Abby sent us dear James letter - I was not
home when it was received, they all wait when they read of your dear friend's dis-
contentment - when I read it - I could not avoid smiling at the hyperbole which
by your only daughter that she could never read a letter that would reach England -
it was really very high, exceedingly painful, but it is worth & not to be worn -

Dear Eliza write to Miss Lockhart today to ascertain how our letters were sent & I send you a extract from her letter "the first mention of a letter to S^r H is in an letter of 1839" This was put into the ship's bag - next sent by my Eliza's letter of 5 1839 - then comes the Jupiter - I do not know what caused our dear friends to continue to expect sent post things by the Jupiter - my Brother writes from Chusan I am longing for the Box by the Jupiter - the fact is scarcely any thing was sent by her. The Jupiter sailed 10 days previously viz. 1840 took all your letters & a very great number besides forwarded to Me. The poor Jupiter met with an accident which delayed her between the Cape & all day as can cause us to handle for the sake of some valuable things which on board - whether she arrived safely I do not feel quite sure but I think we heard she did - my father lamented only that we had sent all by her but so it was. The Lady Ruler will any look a letter from our Woodman to S^r H - I saw your letters to S^r H sent were given to the Duke of Lancaster 21 July cleared to all access - two letters were given S^r H to the Captain of the

Sch 1840 - My Penang & Odessa - These letters have been sent this year & have been put in the ship's letter bag. Other letters have been sent either by Singapore or Batavia and my father judged would reach sooner. There seems some chance all over the overland, my Brother received two of Feb & March by June he being there at Singapore - while he did not receive the previous one of Dec 1837 till August. I thought it desirable you should have this information - I earnestly hope that the Jupiter is arrived & that you have received all your letters - we deeply regret the delay but I can blame no one, except myself when your health was so ill from Feb - both I did not write more than once but I had no chance to write - but as it respects the non arrival of letters in future I trust you will have no disappointment.

Tues March 2. Your Parcel is not arrived yet - but doubtless it will soon. I have this morning received an interesting letter from ^{she is at home - I found the letter in the} Thora - she wishes no longer to be a secret disciple, & I shall have great pleasure in proposing her for membership on Friday night - this is a cause of thankfulness - Miss Crump says her place is the Church & she has no doubt of her duty - ^{her} Nephew has great moral courage in talking to the poor when she lends tracts & I hope good will be the result - she is wonderfully well to what she was - she is a leafy tree - requires care in her diet as she is subject to indigestion - I am Eliza is busy in attending to Hannah - I is a great comfort to us - Hannah is pleasant in her actions of attachment to good things - Miss Harrold is in a very trying state - she is not expecting to be a mother again till May yet she is unable to do any thing or a careful walk lest she should have a premature

I trust we will do well with ours - we have just heard from her & Mr. M. the accounts are more pleasing - she has down stairs has been once into the kitchen & to and fro in great enjoyment she will get stronger & stronger.

Miss Albany has written to us & she with us thinks there are very good prospects in sending a servant from England - Hannah's letter suggested a plan for adoption which deserves your notice when we think - there is a Miss Thornton at Batavia who has for some years been educating Native girls - she now it is probable some one of them - maybe do - I am in other respects well & qualified for a Nurse girl for your dear Bery - I trust you will be desirous to adopt a plan of procedure which will be for your satisfaction, the good of my grand old & all things considered the best -

A most delightful event has taken place chiefly through the published

letters of Mr Campbell of the Tabernacle (now T. Campbell) - there even published in the
Patriot - this he refers to the greatly diminished price of Bibles - how fast a Bible could not
have been bought under 3/6 now it can be had for 1/- - Testaments for 1/6 - he
has influenced the merchants in Oxford & they have at once lowered their prices greatly -
And one means is often the means of performing by diligence & Prayer & the use
of the best means - this is a great encouragement to you - your beloved Jane & your Brother

I shot precisely you have been - July 11. how the angels of you were
not the prisoners & more seriously hurt - we are very sorry to hear of Chertsey
may he be restored to come a true repentant, you will indeed need us down to do it
- I will send a letter which was in the last little box with the few logs by the Elephant
which is expected to sail about the middle of the month - do be careful of your health
avoid all danger - the cure I see Scotland is very painful but for your instruction -
- beware - beware - I hope the new mission will be productive of pleasing re-
sults - it seems a very wise movement - there is a great fall in tea & coffee
25 per cent - there have been several failures & a course of speculation -

3,100 have been received in London as a special offering for the Lib. S -
Mr Colleson gave £20 & Miss T 5 unusually -

I have lately been in The D. things in the Infirmary Interest do not
appear very prosperous - Mrs. Jackson an elderly lady. It has seemed to me
there - the congregations only amounting to about 20 & the Communion to about 10
- Mr. Tark is too fond of convivial company, I can assure it will injure
him in the esteem of the most pious - he also is very partial in his visits - they have
after I think an excellent man at Green Street, a very kind man that doing in his
conscience - I hope he will raise the interest, which was dropping -

Last Sabbath I entered upon the 29th year of my Ministry at life in this
place - I preached from "it may be I will abide with you & I trust I shall tarry with you
if God permit" - in the afternoon" - considering thus that no man should blame us
- it is pleasing that the congregation is larger than when I came & that the people
seem as much attached as ever - there is an opening to me & my family -

I hope you will be long of and for great usefulness - I shall rejoice if you be-
come an adept in the language & should speak & teach it fluently & accurately - you
wish to excel & I hope you will - we are much obliged by your care for us
- your frequent writing, we shall always be most happy to hear from you. Do
embrace us herefore every opportunity - we are this day but doing
here what is called the two monthly meeting - I hope it will be a pleasant &
profitable one - we all join in warmest love to yourself & your dearly
beloved Jane - may you be blessed & be blessing - we shall long to hear from
you again - I am your ever affectionate Father -

The Influence is very prevalent in London - Mrs. Blackburn has lost
her (I believe) eldest daughter - S. Waller & Misses & Mrs. Kelly of New York

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Welford July 14. 1841.

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My Dear Benj

Thirty three years ago this day your dear Mother assumed my name. I left her father's house to be one flesh with your father - I desire to be thankful that we have had so much happiness, have been spared so long I am now in the possession of so many comforts I am surrounded with children who love us & are devoted to God & that those absent from the domestic circle are as dear to us I am I believe to them as ought to exist between extended connections - may you my dear Son & daughter be spared as long & be as happy as we have been - I trust there is every proof of the former & I have little doubt of the latter.

On this day sixty one years ago I was ushered into the world - a world of sin & us - since that period my Parents - Brothers & Sisters are removed to the world of spirits & I am the only survivor of my family - I am happy to say I am in good health for the most part - I have some difficulty of breathing - with this exception my frame is robust - my voice is good - I am as agile as I was many years ago & I generally preach thrice every Sabbath & sometimes administer the Lords supper also - at present you have no immediate prospect of being fatherless - I do indulge the hope of yet seeing you both & my dear Semi Chinese grand Son under my roof in this Island, perhaps not in this habitation, for before you will visit the land of your fathers, perhaps I may have seen it my duty to retire from the joys & sorrows of the ministerial life - but to us the future is all unknown - we know not what a day may bring forth, yet it is a cause of thankfulness I am as I am, not paralysed, not useless.

^{by Christen}
Your letter of Feb came to hand last week, I was in
Sheffield. I went there to vote for Mr. Mayhew, & Miller, but un-
fortunately both were in the minority & two Tories were pre-
ferred - Watley & Dennis - the register of Mayhew carried
us in the chapel house to week - he is such a talented, amiable
& believing man - the election will close next week
in favour of the Conservatives - the Lord's regret soothes
our minds - else we should be wretched, but God can make
the worst, weakness & the weakness of men to become him

I deeply regret your deep affliction & appointment in regard
of our letters I do hope you will have received many of
you receive this - Mr. Dyer will bring it & show as far
as Singapore - we rejoice in your continued health & that of
your dear Jane & dear Son - may God watch over you
& long preserve you in peace & comfort & make you a dis-
tinguished blessing. It is very gratifying to us that you are
"disengaged in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" - you if
He will excel in your knowledge of the language & be very
successful in the alleviation of all which flesh is heir to & lead
many to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the
world.

Dear Mephthah has been for some weeks taking
medicine - Mr. Cox says she has lost 2 stone in weight - she
has been a teetotaler & it seems it does not suit her a fam-
ily - she takes a little wine & water once a day - I am going
to try for a few weeks again - with the exception of Sabbath days -
I have been taking beer & my health is not good - a little
cessation may be useful - I do not think I can ever be a total
hermament abstainer - I cannot fill my sheet at this
time nor is it necessary as I shall I write by the
Overland - do give my very best love -
^{to all}

I am your ever affectionate
Father

Weyford. July 28. 1841.

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My Dear Son.

Although I write for Mr. Lyster who was to sail about
a fortnight ago, yet I will not lose another opportunity of writing you
an acquaintance as your Mother's Lane a ship sailing direct for
Macao in a few days - I expect Mr. M^r Norton will be away so
I hope your beloved Jane will hear from Sunderland - & that
you will no more be subject to the frequent deep disappointments
you have had since you left the land of your Father's - we do hope
also that you have now received the letters sent in the post
& the one I wrote on your birth day & a number of others are now
on the mighty deep which you will I trust receive in due time.

I again must repeat that tho you have been ^{the subject of}
disappointment, you have been never forgotten, in any way
since you left us - we feel no diminution of attachment to you - it
is not with us with regard to you "out of sight, out of mind" - no
we often talk of you, more often think of you - always love & dearly
pray for you, for your health - happiness - success in your studies &
& abundant usefulness - may the offerings of much afflicted
hearts ascend with acceptance before the throne - mingled with
the prayers of all Saints upon the golden altar.

We hope you & your dear Jane & Roy are all well - we
do rejoice that you seem to have the spirit of a true Missi-
onary - that your piety is not diminished - tho you do not assemble
with the great congregation of ~~assembly~~ you know that
wherever two or three are met together in His name he is
there & that to bless them - may he shine upon you & your
little band, & hear your united petitions

We daily expect to hear of the Marriage of Henry Marshall
to a Miss Dickens of Duffield - she is a sensible Lady & of course
whether the delay arises from the health of Miss D. for she has been
very delicate, or they are married I do not inform us, we know not
— we have no intimacy & very rarely we have a letter — your
Dear Mother is coming to London next Month. when she hopes to
see your Aunt Ann. It is probable she will live in London
— Mrs Marshall has been very ill — we invited her & Jane
to spend a Month with us, but she is too delicate to travel.

Ever you receive this I presume you will have seen
Papers from England containing a statement of the
great Majority of Long Members as 78th — whole number of
members being 500 for England & Wales — 108 for Ireland
& 53 for Scotland = 658 Total — of these 290 are reformers
& 368 Conservatives — we must hope that God will direct
the hearts of our future governors to the adoption of
such measures as shall be for the best interests of the
nation & his own glory.

There is an affecting occurrence detailed
in the last Patriot viz the death of Revd John Tyer having
drowned himself in the River — he was the Secretary
of the Pop. Missⁿ Society — his labours & anxieties induced
mental aberration — he has left a Widow & 9 children by a
former life — his Son a Young Man slept with him but
he left his bed while his Son was asleep & committed the
painful act — what a mercy to be preserved from
those diseases & cares which induce severe mental
suffering or illusion.

Dear Steph is still taking Medicine — her
appetite is not good, nor her strength great — she now takes a
little Porter — as Cely does a little Ale — I trust both will be
better for it — your dear Mother is not quite so well as

usual, in a day or two I hope she will be quite well - we are
all well besides - what a mercy is this -

Need I say to both of you "Beware of Gold's"
"I'll have Gold's try" - may your heart not be too much en-
gaged, not too much fixed upon your lovely Boy - there is a
danger of us being too much pleased with the Rinslet when
we should be drinking of the Fountain -

Mrs Brown is hastening down and
to the grave, she is exceedingly feeble, - she is upwards of
80 years of age - she admits to-morrow night, the
youngest daughter of Mr. Inreton of Haverly Lodge -

I hope you continue to write as we dope-
-quently, - if some letters miscarry there will reach their
destination, but I do not know we have been despatched
respecting any of yours - - I should think the Memoirs
of S. Morrison have not sold very well, for all the copies are bought
by Mr. Snow a Bookseller who advertises them for sale at 17/12
half the original price. - Mr. Collins & family are
at Gravesend, it being the vacation - Mrs C is very
weak -

With the kindest love to your dearest Jane & a
kiss to your lovely Boy -

I remain as ever

All send their
warmest love &c

Your much attached
Father -

I & my dear children when they read the date of this letter will think
of that memorable day when we parted on the Eliza Newcomb, two years ago
— it is painful to think of that day — yet there are pleasures mingled with
the pains — blessed be God you were not going out to novelties, not out
pursuing the gains of Merchandize, not in the pursuit of science — not
out to social pleasures — but as Philanthropists of the highest order — to carry
the blessings of the healing art & the news & benefits of salvation to a 3rd part
of the human family — may God move & more bless you

J. H. Hutton

Moscow Hospital

London

I have had no letter from
S^r Parker — I presume
he is still in ~~London~~
Scotland —

Welford. Feb 26 1842

My Dear Benjamin

I have been expecting to have heard from you this month but no letter has reached us we hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you in about a fortnight but we hope you are all well & happy & in a degree useful - if not actively so to any great extent yet you are laying a good foundation for a superlative beautiful & high.

I took dear Hannah with Miss Thompson on the 2nd inst - we are happy to state she is well and happy & I hope it will be for her comfort in a wellfare in all respects - They seem very happy, excellent & intelligent Ladies, especially Miss P - The school is much more suitable for her than Miss Thompson's.

Hope her mind in my school, her powers of observation be increased - However I can do no more for her than I am now doing.

I was not in Birmingham 24 hours but at that time I saw Mr Parker he is very well & has much to do as he can - I did not see him there is a new hospital & he is one of the surgeons - I saw also Mr Hodgson, he is exceedingly courteous, most kindly engaged after you & I send your acknowledgments & still would make you successful every where - he & Mr Pollock then regards - I saw Mr James, he asked me to dine but I could not - he is kindly engaged after you & a number of others -

~~Mr~~ Dr Parker spent a Sab in Birmingham, & his
Statement from the Pulpit he spoke very highly of you
I heard a pleasing fact that will gratify you. It was
told in Cook by the Person whom you requested to distrib-
ute Tracts in the Hospital - it is this - a few all who died
gave a creditable evidence of piety & mentioned your
conversion & the Tracts you gave her as the means
of this pleasing change she stated if you with the
greatest imaginable interest. The mention of your
name was delightful to her. I thank God
my Son & take courage. I slept at Mr Cooks
They desire their love & he - They gave me the rec-
ord of his former addresses for you & I believe a letter
is enclosed.

I am very anxious with Carter - I wrote
on Monday last to Mark Wilkes on the matter - Carter
took no notice of my letter - I regret you had been
& got the instruments at Paris for the times we have
called about are very near any - however I hope they
will come some time & then I will make up
a Box I send to you.

I am sorry dear Meph is still confined
to her bed room at her Sister Annets & dear P is
with her - you know all the particulars I have no
doubt from your dear Sister - they are rather afraid
of the violence of excitability, we shall indeed rejoice if she
continually improves & has no more relapses - but
the will of the Lord be done - it is very trying to be
without their soling - yet still in mercy they are there
& not here. Your dear Mother was confined

from the house of God five Sabbath's. - As has she wanted
you, has she wept she had not her son - it is all right
particularly we need your attentions & advice - I am hop-
ing to state she has been out the two last Lord's days -
I think I mentioned it was her throat - then fever & then
inflammation - my affections in her knees - she had never
leeches to them - with poultices & Poultices - she is
still not quite well & her Cox recommends cease to her.

On Sabbath Textures on the 30th of Jan of
my Pastorate in this place - it was a conference
season - I preached from 2 Cor. vi. 4 & 1 Th. ii. 14, 15

I ought to be thankful I am still able to go on with
my work & on the whole my health & my spirits
are good - I have had something of the Bronchitis
& do not expect to be quite free from it till the
weather is more genial - My wife is very well

I ought to rejoice when I say that since I came
into the Society 19 Ministers have removed from it - two
have resigned & 18 have died - so that every Church
but one in the Association has had a change & I am
now the father of the Association - it is a matter of
thanksgiving that we have peace in the Church & not one
that I know of wishes me to leave them - we admitted
two last church meeting & had met another next week - there
was but a small addition but that the Church is much
larger than when I became its Pastor is some ground
of encouragement - preserving my health &
energy may continue of course I know not - I feel
my deficiencies - my weaknesses - I regret my use-
fulness is not greater - but I have pleasure in my work

I hope the commissions in China will terminate & advancement of the cause of missions, in the extinction of the Kingdom of H. I may you soon see a pleasing change - that the desert may bloom & rise - Take care of your health - may you still cleave to M, closer & closer - think much of heaven, of the value of souls & may your healing aid from our great source of never failing beneficence & inducing attention & reverence of God's holy Spirit - I trust you keep a journal of every thing that may tend to excite interest & should you live to record it the land of your fathers.

Mr & Miss Colman are pretty well - Mrs Marshall has been so invalided for a year that she so near the house of God she cannot get to it - she knows its value by its loss - Your Aunt Ann is with them - perhaps may permanently remain with them.

I think it will be well to write to Mr & Mrs Cooke sometimes - they seem very useful to keep up a correspondence - they are warm friends -

If Stafford is in prison for stealing two Poles he will be tried next week -

We hope your dear Jane & Mary are still well - take care of idlers - keep your dears in their proper place - Poor Mr Ann is very ill - Mrs Ann is very unwell & has been so for some months -

You will receive this I hope & am sure I shall send the dear E to be well please herself whether she sends via Hadington or Marcellus & perhaps dear Hehl too state may determine it - accept of me the warmest & best love of your dear Father, Mother & Sister M - may God bless our prayers for each other - In due time may we meet to tell what God hath wrought - I am your ever affectionate Father.

Welford. May 30. 1843

My Dear Benjamin

The time is now arrived for our writing to you, we embrace the opportunity - for we would not disappoint you while in the land of strangers & of strangers. - It is a gratification to hear from you & your dear Jane & we are conscious that you expect to receive a communication from us though in some respects it may be painful, the joy of grief - grateful it would be to us as well as to you, to have nothing distressing to write about - would that the dear invalids were well - that they were each robust, one in body the other in mind - dear Eliza I believe intends to write to you but she progresses very little - the weather indeed here for weeks been very cold, humid & rainy so that she could ^{write} ~~write~~ out very little - hence she sleeps not very well, no pains much strength - she gets to the house of God on the Sabbath morning - her life & health are very important to us & others - much of our comfort is connected with her - May God hear prayer & perfect robustness with her & enable us to do it speedily -

Your Deborah is still under the influence of mental delusion - she wants to come home very much, but she also is very unfit for it - it is a sore ^{affection} ~~trouble~~ in deed, we shall be most satisfied if she has a few weeks in her present residence - perhaps till Oct or a year? - when I must look out for some other place of abode, except she is well enough to return to the chapel house - dear Eliza will transcribe the last note from you to the Lord - I am happy to state that your dear mother & Mr. & Mrs. are very well - the latter is still at Miss Phelps's - as you will perceive from her communications

cation to clean City - we have not heard from Lou Anne
for some time - she is better ^{in her head} & so as at Maffleet lately
to see her dear Boy who is there to obtain health & vigor
if it so please God - who does all things well, tho' his
way is in the sea & his paths in the great waters & his
footsteps are not known.

We were glad to hear of your good health &
& that of your beloved family - may it long continue -
we hope you are now comfortably settled in your new
new habitation - we thought the Semi Annual letter a
very interesting one - but how tedious & painful to read of the
propaganda of error & Romanism - may our soul be
provoked - I trust you will have to visit ^{copy} instances
of usefulness among your numerous patients, this
will be a source of thanksgiving - at our last church
meeting we admitted Francis Ward (Tailor) who
stated that his abiding & saving impression ever from
your valedictory address at Welford - this is very
pleasing & encouraging to you - it is the good

I hope ever now the George Wallis is coming
with your instruments - I shall be glad to hear this
in your next letter - I need now mention that
Mrs. Marshall's John & Jane have been dangerously
ill but are now well again - she is thankful she
has as much needle work before her & as will
last her for three months - she herself is pretty well
- your Aunt Ann is going to Tracy to see
your Uncle Henry - Mr. Collins & Mary are
well -

We have much distress in our neighbour-
hood by the failure of two Banks viz one at Haddington
& one of the Western Banks - some of my people
have rather ~~near~~ large deposits in one & some in
the other & ~~two~~ ^{one} Brother - Mr. Burn & his son

£1,000 - Mr. Lumsden £400 - Messrs £200 -
Stearns from two to three hundred - Mr. W. Abbott &
Mr. Rowley have considerable sums - it is hoped that
there will be a demand of 10% but perhaps not so much
- the distress ~~it~~ has occurred is dreadful - I had no
more than £10 in notes - thereby I think I have had
their money in the Bank - what a mercy to have
a treasure that is not lost, that good heart which it is not
to take from us - I have to say what I very seldom
have, a bad head ache - you will therefore excuse me
if I soon draw to a termination of my letter I am dear
- I am writing it is the less necessary for me to do so -
- I hope you will keep my dear grandchildren in their
place - do not educate them - what a mercy is it
that you have seen Marshall - it is indeed a great
cause of thankfulness - Hoping to hear from you
in a fortnight I remain

Your ever affectionate
Father.

My dear Sir

1 Parliament Street
May 20th 1843

The peculiar mental state of my interesting patient,
does not allow me to lay much stress upon the conspicuous improvement
connected with her general health; she is still highly susceptible of
erroneous impressions; but her faculties & delusions vary, and as
such are less formidable. - The greatest fear and anxiety, may
attach to the apparent imbecility which is occasionally manifested
as characterizing an unpromising type of mental disease.

I have the honour to be dear Sir

Your faithful servant
H. J. Withersland.

My dear friend

Your sister Hannah has lately had a little correspondence with her friends at home, respecting the interesting subject of her vocation to the church. I feel desirous before the close of this month to impart to you our views on the question, with all deference to your opinions, & especially to your father's ministerial judgment. You had very reason to believe your dear sister a partaker of divine grace when she entered our family, & since that time, the uniform consistency of her conduct & I may add the spirituality of her mind, has proved not only the reality, but the depth & solidity of that precious work which has been carried on in her heart. Her religious principles have stood the test of a twelvemonth's trial in a ^{new} situation, & under these circumstances there appears to us no reason why a step so desired by herself, & so gratifying to her friends,

should be longer delayed, while two or three might be urged in favour of its being taken before her final departure from school. As she has been enabled to walk as a disciple of Christ before her companions here, we should be glad for her to be recognised as such by them, by a public profession of her faith in Christ & obedience to him. We have ground to hope that during the course of the next half year two or three among our youthful circle will thus come forward to declare themselves on the Lord's side - we should like her testimony to be added to theirs, and thus rendered more sympathetic to the novices of early piety. Perhaps also it would be a source of pleasant reflection in future years, that she had been for a season connected with Barr Lane Church. Having stated these views we now wish to leave the decision of the question entirely to the judgment of your family at home. I shall be perfectly satisfied with the result whatever it might be. Hannah's health has been remarkably good during the half year, & I trust you will find she has made progress in her studies, to which she is very attentive. And Mr. Wether's dear daughter having copied that for you, I need add nothing of my own. So fare thee well.