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F.R. York 10<sup>th</sup> mo 12<sup>th</sup> 1885.

My beloved Frank

I was glad to have  
a sight of thy handwriting and  
shall be glad to have thee to fetch  
me home as soon as thou canst  
as I have been expecting thee of  
late or if one of my sisters could  
do it for thee; thou having been  
so busy of late, I feel abused  
it would be carried out under  
our Heavenly Father's Protection  
for all things do seem so full  
of His True and good workings on  
His Behalf for our Benefit and  
others; and who we may feel the  
Loss of others in our interesting  
Home yet we may be enabled  
to do our Duties under His will  
for Long, as I feel assured all  
things are showing for the Best  
so I have gained hitherto and  
am yet to be able under His Power  
to labour and am satisfied  
again and



again that I am to return as thou  
wilt possibly remember was given  
to me so clear ere leaving for  
this House, that under our Maker's  
& Divine Presence I was to remem-  
ber Noah's Ark and to be Healed of  
my fits brought on by one  $\frac{1}{4}$  Century  
ago; but for so often when asleep  
here I have had such assurance  
that all was full proof as thou  
art also aware: for when, having  
been here one First Day Even, I was  
told that, Out of the Mouth of Two  
Three Witnesses every word shall be  
established, I have felt much  
surety that All The Best shall be  
accomplished for us to increase  
wherever placed. If our youngest  
child is at Home again I hope she  
will be preserved under parental  
care and shall be glad if thou canst  
send Harry's letter or keep it if I may join  
there in united True Love to you all  
and Friends suitable. Just now  
A. P. Whiting and another Com. Visitor I  
do not know has been round but I feel ab-  
solutely satisfied with satisfactory and I do  
not feel any less the Lord's Hand  
in all the happy things I have and am  
wanting many things besides hope by this  
letter to have all right, so now con-



Private }  
Mr. F. Smith }  
Garden Cottage }  
Lightcliffe }

Mr. F. Smith Esq Lane  
Drapers  
Brig house  
Yorkshire  
"





F. R. York 11<sup>th</sup> mo 29<sup>th</sup> 1885.

My Beloved Husband

I have had both yesterday and today peculiar feelings at times denoting I do trust, that plans for ending to things which were considered needful, since my entrance here more than 4 years ago are now to be quickly accomplished, for ever since my being here those in Official Duties have been so against me performing when I have been called to labor in good deeds or offer even good words given to others by my Heavenly Father in appropriate seasons, but ~~MEMOR.~~ Their crushing rejections, has made such continuous painings deep within me, only relieved by my having True Faith and looking to my True Protector for preservation, when so sorely hurt by enemies who do so oppose the least manifest goodness granted by my Bountiful Giver. And most often under His care and delightful Presence enjoying good sleep and at times to devote through some night, prior to a day of great grievance which many do not let up on me, for they are speedy at times as this day when I was reading, this being Sabbath Morn, a beautiful "Hymn on The Lords Day", in a Book lent me called Sunday at Home, but in



3 The Matron hearing it, she tried to snatch  
from me and urged The one who lent it  
me to help her to snatch and take  
to another; and tho' I was enjoying myself  
and vocally hoping others might far  
take of, yet she did so to prevent  
for she does so despoiling. Thru't heavier  
Last night when asleep I seemed to be at  
a new Home rebuilt by thee, planned by  
Relative's nephew Architect, and nearly fi-  
nished trimmings above, the Kitchen  
and Cellars quite, which whilst waiting  
for men to do above, I seemed to find  
a large hearth for below, to sit  
for our meals; and on this morn-  
waking I last thing was putting Brass  
nails and other Jacks ready for men to  
use quickly in Rooms having good fire in  
Parlour; and all Provisions ready for  
use below: and so glad to be strong for all  
and do hope and beseech Thou wilt  
quickly enable me to join thee there  
for I am so wearied with torturing  
misery spirit here. It is just a  
month since I wrote my last to thee  
which I had discarded but remembered  
it was I. Leeds and asked Dr. Baker to  
let a friend take thee for thee as they had  
so delayed my date for want of paper.  
tho' he took all he told me he had  
nothing to do in sending and so  
would not say whether gone and as  
I have not heard since from thee, I have  
wondered if received and I am sure  
wondered to be with thee in a  
room from which I had been out



3) a Corpse: and had to explain how I had  
been trimming a mattress for <sup>Sands of Time</sup>  
and then the Dr encouraged me for he had  
heard voices, saying I was to return  
to my earthly home full of Rejoices; and  
when he came next Eve. having I  
to persuade him to listen to what I  
had to deliver from that I felt for him, I  
he would not. When 2 Comrades, friends  
E. Diamond and Mr. Hurston came 2 days ago  
did feel free to explain to E.D. how I  
wish I could get away as I had, how I  
might before in sleep, how my Brothers  
seemed earnestly longing for my return  
and seemed verified in proof of my  
presence and one of them, <sup>born of Queen's Home</sup>  
in its long clothes, <sup>Charles Caswell</sup>  
me by information that all previous  
plans were to be directly accomplished  
and that I was to receive a prize.  
I do hope to see thee for good purpose.  
The last week I have suffered by  
Attack and Fell on Back of Bed when  
singing and roughly bruised my Face and  
which since has felt dislocated when  
crying and Coughing and which I have  
felt thankful was not Lockjaw. and  
all the week have had all kinds of  
fever in Head & Throat similar to Cold,  
One Night a week ago when sound a  
sleep it seemed so true, that James  
was come from thee to fetch me home  
and this visit was through my reading  
the day previous of 3 Brothers named  
darker leaving the



Victoria Mills Brough: This led me  
to think they must be connected  
with the Family of Airey Farm and  
reminded me of that visit when and  
myself with Aunt Mary paid on  
our Return Home from Bradford at  
midnight after Bro Joseph and Sis  
Ser Helen's Marriage.

## ~~WORDS~~

and as I have  
had to ask for letters on rough  
Paper previous, thy excuse, I  
again ~~IN SEASON.~~

tried to gain proper Note Paper  
and Envelopes and Pencil, but  
and Matrons will not grant  
these needfuls: and several  
other

## ~~SEVENTH EDITION,~~

I am requiring ~~ENLARGED.~~ Respectfully  
but they will not get for me  
But if by thy side I could have  
and if I could be absent from this  
dull dwelling and things I do so  
unpleasantly ~~LONDON:~~ witness, I do

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feel about it. I should be favored  
with Good Health and full enjoyment  
of Life: having often comfort been  
shown in I trust by our Heavenly Father  
How much Brighter our Day will be  
and we get to enjoy more flow of Gold  
and I do believe thou wilt have great  
pleasure under union with me



5 as soon as we can meet and  
enjoy sweet converse together  
again and real true Society  
of Relative and Friends wherever  
we may be, after my long time  
here: for I cannot feel easy in bed  
room when awake, for Miss H. rela-  
tive from Doncaster does so hurt  
me in her language against me  
all opposition falsely; which  
makes me feel crushed and more  
lonely; and now I do crave of  
Thee, if not decided yet, do decide  
and let me get, to finish  
happily our Days together as  
I feel so much under our True  
Protector he will preserve his  
True People True Christians as  
long as He wills we are to be  
labourers in His Vineyard and  
enjoy strong and sure minded  
ones around us; but not in this  
large House, for there is so lit-  
tle of Christian Spirit in most  
of these Rules; for they injure  
more who have their senses and  
wish for Peace, than the rough  
they let have much fling. So with



a continuance and security in  
Love for thee from our first  
Days of Union. I am in dear love  
and good wishes again for thee and  
Thine, all our children and Brothers  
and Sisters and suitable Friends  
and Relatives. still thy

Sure and affectionate Wife  
Fanny Smith.

P.S. And if thou canst do come up quickly  
without any hindrance which others  
might send between us, for prevention  
and not excuse for me to see thee for  
Happy Reunion thy arrival; and do  
not listen to any false calumination



Mr. F. Smith  
Garden Cottage  
at Lightcliffe  
nr. Brighouse  
Yorkshire

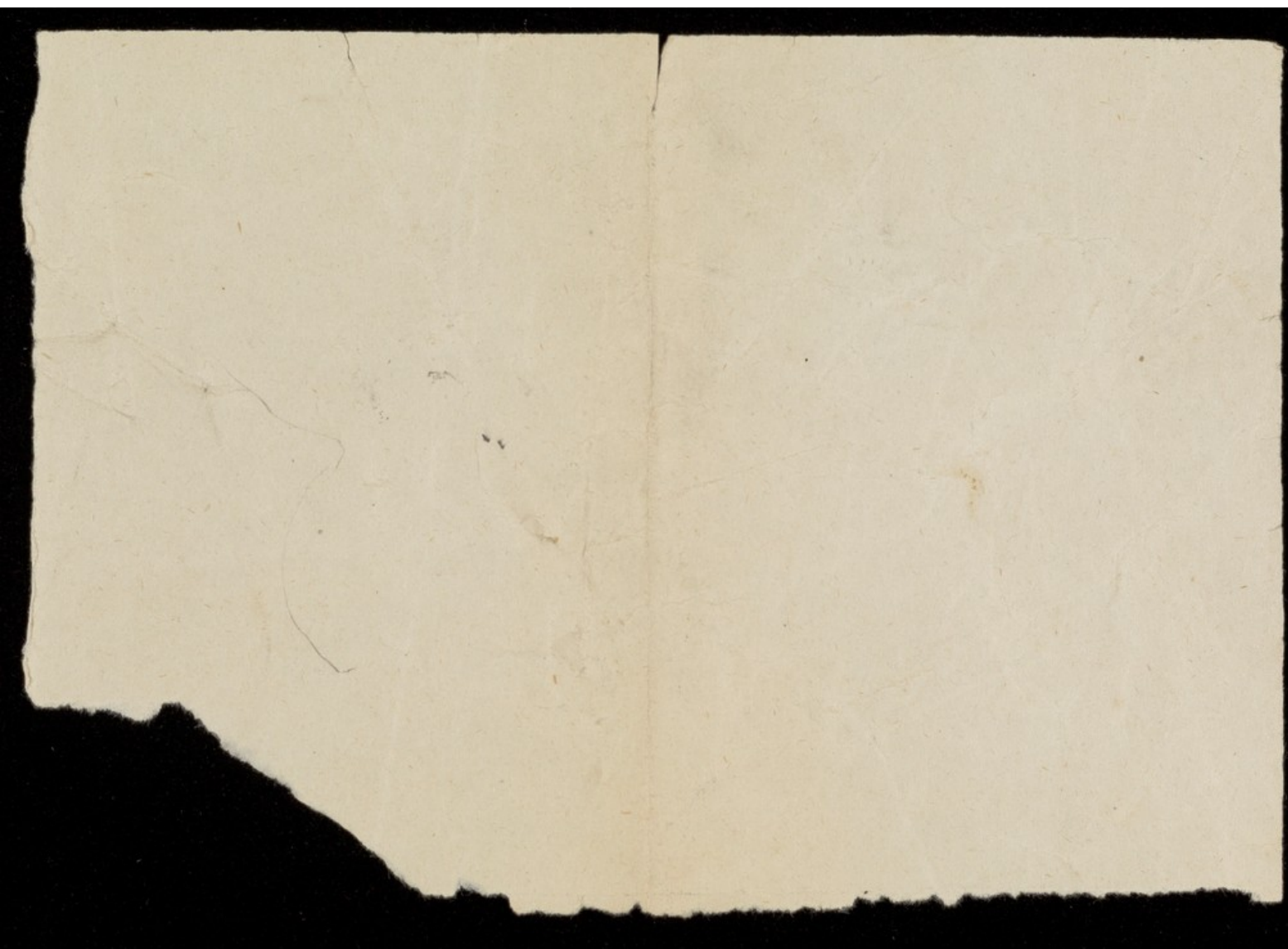






P.S. I have just had Tea and be thought  
me I would tell you that I do verily  
trust I am not to be troubled any  
more with Epilepsy; and feel well now  
under Divine loving Protection, after  
sufferings you may have known of me  
and have always been sane. I do not  
know the distance between your residence  
and for enclosed; but if near and  
if you are able (it would save time) if  
one could visit instead of Post:  
but be careful relating to sad  
trying weather of late. Tho'  
Brighter To Day. Farewell







F. R. <sup>4</sup>/<sub>11</sub> York 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

My dear Cousin  
John

As my dear Hus  
band paid thee a Visit after  
bringing me here I expect he  
would then tell thee the cause  
so thou wilt probably have un-  
derstood all since through fami-  
ly Correspondence; and as I was  
not sure since Cousin Abigail  
Holmes decease whether thou wast  
successor to her Property as I be-  
lieved thou would, but not sure  
of thy address I enclosed to Sister  
in Kendall thinking they knew  
and shall be so much obliged  
if thou canst come here for  
me instead of any asking my  
Brothers to come this Holiday



weather across from Ireland: and  
I should be glad to see thy  
wife and my dear Sister, and  
also my dear Relatives in Lan-  
cashire on my way Home and  
shall be glad of thy Society  
if thou art willing to save  
my dear F. The journey now  
he is so closely engaged for  
a great change, and has only  
our youngest Daughter at Home  
whom I am afraid might be over-  
done if I am not at his side.  
but after my return he would  
be wishful to pay our expenses  
to thee and thank thee exceed-  
ingly for I always feel thee  
almost as near as a Brother  
I have can quickly meet here  
it would gladden me and  
let thee know how well in health

I am  
over  
now  
how  
I see  
con-  
you  
co-  
the  
N  
G  
lo

P.S.  
Lips  
in  
the



I am, and could explain better  
verbally than writing. And  
now I will freely let thee know  
how I was comforted in my  
Sleep a few Nights ago, how  
convinced I was that a nice  
young Man Relative was  
come to take me from  
this House to go further  
North: and save my dear  
G's Time, so now in dear  
love to thee and thine

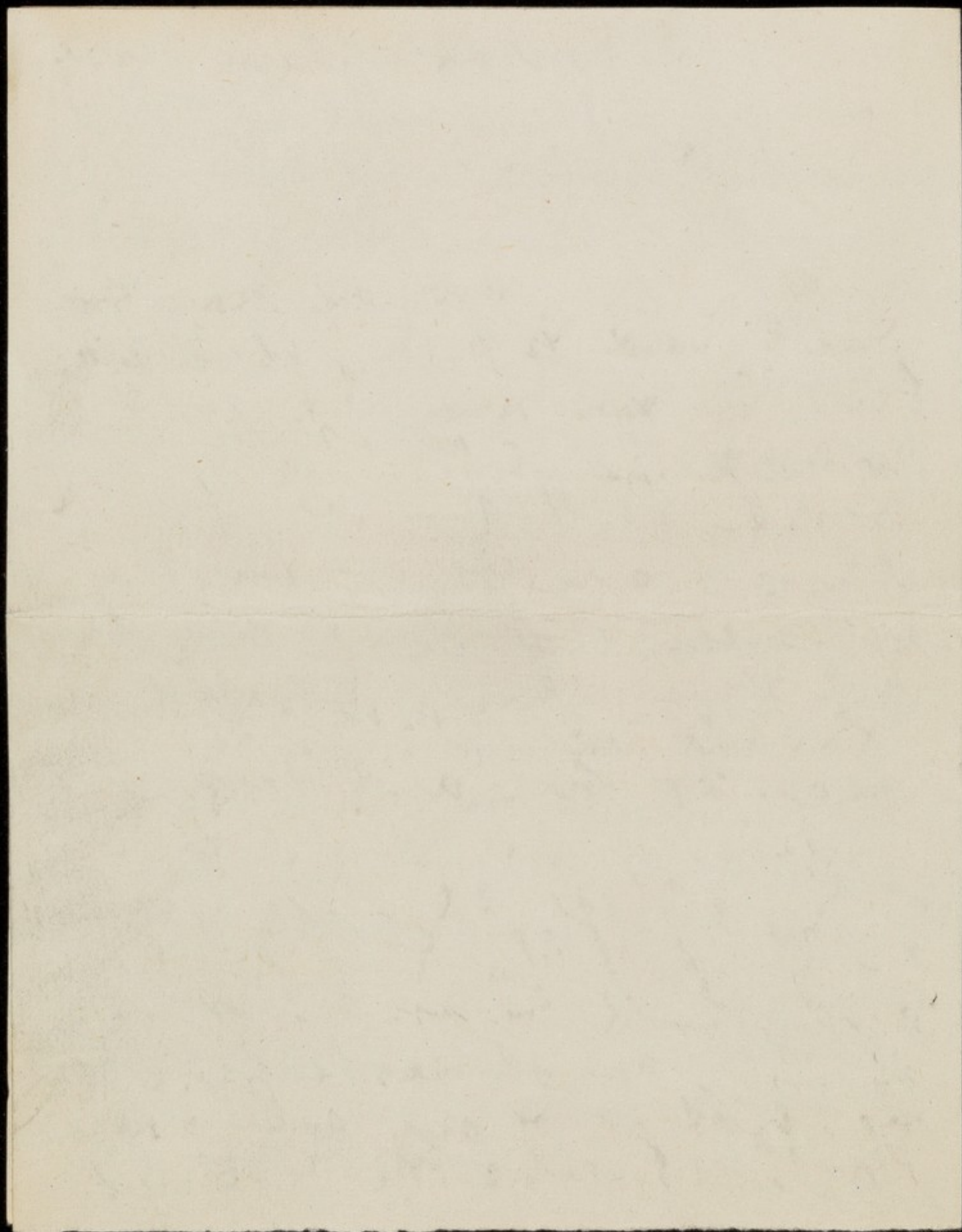
I am

Thy affectionate Cousin

Fanny Smith.

P.S. I have had letters so com-  
fortful from ~~two~~ of my Children  
in America which are so  
pleasant to me, came 2 weeks  
ago.







Francisco Smith

Dr Baker

The Retreat  
York





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J. Bowron  
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N.Y.C. York 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

My beloved Sisters

It is 2 weeks to morrow  
since I had a few lines from my dear  
loving Frank enclosing such a boun-  
tiful letter from our dear eldest  
Daughter in America; but which  
I did not reply to, as only a few  
days before I wrote to him asking  
him if it was possible for me  
to be at his side to help him  
and not overdo our youngest  
loving Daughter in working for  
great Changes to take place  
of which you may be aware;  
and I was so thankful to have  
a letter enclosed so bright from  
our dear Son Henry in America  
but I did not know he was from  
England also till his Father in-  
formed a letter previous to me. I



Have wondered if you have heard  
of the many changes relating to our  
Family taking place: but which  
I could more easily explain ver-  
bally than write: and do hope  
I may have quick opportunity  
of seeing you, and should  
be glad if you know Cousin  
J Bowron's address whether in  
Cumberland, or if he has succeed-  
ed to our late dear Cousin  
Abigail's Property in County  
Durham: will one of you be  
so kind as put a clean En-  
velope on enclosed and send  
as this for you is the only one  
I have had given today, also  
Paper from 2 nice Ed dies here  
since I wrote to dear J. 2 weeks  
ago; and then asked him to  
write or let Maria if he too can



to acknowledge a nice note  
so cheerful, from our Sister  
Susan also cards for Christmas  
similar to your nice encour-  
aging cards to me; but as I  
had no paper so I could not  
write to either side Sisters.  
but do thank you with much  
love at this time and have  
been shown in sleep a few  
months ago how you could  
and did sweetly help me  
to go from this House; for  
I do long to be at Home  
and should be glad if Cous-  
in J. B. could do what I  
wish as Frank is so closely  
engaged, and as the weather



has been so stormy I should  
not like to ask one of Brother  
to cross the waters between  
England and Ireland to do for  
me and mine: and Bro Jos perhaps  
would not like on account of  
good reasons which probably you  
also may <sup>have</sup> known when visiting  
either there or Cousins J. B. &  
Man<sup>r</sup>. and I have no doubt  
my dear J. explained to Cousin  
J. B. Cumberland when he visited  
after bringing me here 4<sup>th</sup> year  
ago: but after so long separa-  
tion for workings serious I  
do feel assured from what  
I see, feel, and read, on Papers  
under Divine Protection ever  
since coming, all through now  
expected: I do believe, and in  
dear love, hope you are all well and am  
Your affectionate Sister Fanny Smith

Miss Edmondson's  
Confectioner  
Stramongate  
Kendal  
Westmoreland



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F.R. York Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1885.

My dear Husband I really now again the  
2<sup>nd</sup> time have put my hand to the Pencil  
to write; since thy last dated Jan 25<sup>th</sup>; to  
know if thou wilt deign to come, and  
take me from this House, and grant  
my urgent request to be under thy  
Roof; and for one side to be restored  
whole as the other, and to enable each  
other, for me to rule again as heretofore  
over Housekeeping for thee and our  
dear Family: for I do feel so confiden-  
tially enriched, and assured, under  
my Heavenly Father each night when  
of sound sleep, feeling His loving Power  
continuously that all things are re-  
ally working together for good if we  
will attend to His Directions, for my  
beneficial restoration to Health, and  
enjoyment of Home on Earth, more  
than ever; and to enrich Prepara-  
tions deeply for the Change at the  
End of Time, and this longer or shorter  
"As my dear Lord wills." And every  
Day after Good Night under His Influence  
is so helped through, in the midst  
of all I witness here in more ways than  
one. I do trust therefore that I am to  
return to thy Roof for Spiritual and  
Bodily Renewal of True Life and Light  
for more Brightness in Full Hope, and  
Faith, for Increase of Better, for all ours  
also.



And I again name the number of our Bel-  
loves who have died since my coming here  
being 8: the 2 last were Constance L. & S. Rob-  
son which I have had no other tidings  
thy letter than <sup>their</sup> weak Health which they  
named in thy last but one; But I was  
standing 2 weeks ago yesterday by picture  
in this sitting Room and saw a Periodical  
"Christian Record", and read an Account  
of their Deaths, a nice long Record of  
Isaac Robson: he died on 25<sup>th</sup> of May and  
Sarah Robson on 29<sup>th</sup> of same mo. I expect  
thou wilt have been to their Interment  
being so near. and I do devise I may  
return Home to bear all both cheer-  
ful, Meddum, or Mournful Events or  
Occurrences, under the Hand of  
Providence, for our Help. He is in  
deed the Way, Truth, and Life, for all  
who will believe they can also gain  
increase of Strength to labour on in  
His Vineyard wherever He directs our  
Steps in His Path for ourselves and others.  
And this Day I have had at Times so  
powerfully to feel that we must  
closely attend to His Precious Call-  
ings: so do not delay for my stay  
here longer: as I have been here 4 years  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this mo. and I will try to  
keep calm without over excitement  
when I can see thee for many have  
remarked "they wonder thou hadst not been  
all this time" and I often think now  
after such dissolution of Parliament, whe-  
ther this would slip out any plans



previously conveyed for dissolving here  
under J. Brights information for I often  
think how well of late over this Na-  
tion it may have been for the Justice  
or Branches of Royalty under our Indian  
to have been so active in so many  
appointments for bettering Days of  
all sides, who will see in Proper  
Light for all things to work round  
for the one on this Throne must have  
felt a great, and extra weight up-  
on her Position, but I often do feel  
that I may offer for her, and our  
own Beloved ones on this Earth, a  
Prayer before the Beautiful Heaven-  
ly Throne where The Faithful King  
lover all The Creation is seated.  
and do verily Believe that I am  
to live out of this House to be a  
useful Member of The True Church  
wherever placed under His will  
to Order and Comfort others at the  
very moment of True Direction.  
And now I do inform thee, I have  
a deal to tell thee in a suitable  
Tone and Manner: Cousin Tho Harri-  
son's Daughter is here, and has ex-  
posed some things which has hurt me  
to hear; but when we <sup>two are</sup> vis a vis, can bet-  
ter explain. So with hopes to hear  
more of ours on my return I will still  
look to this for my lot; for one Night  
I had such comfort when asleep to



have so lovingly shown that it had  
come to the Point, That all the Lot  
is cast into the Lap, but the whole  
disposing thereof is of The Lord. And  
I do hope thou art cheerful and  
thy leg ~~some~~ what easier; and not  
overdone with engagements ex-  
tra, during this long absence, of  
thy wife, who wishes earnestly  
whilst here to see, on leaving,  
our Cousins J & M Backhouse, the  
latter's Parents, being so recently dead,  
perhaps thou mayst have seen them  
at their Interments. And thou wilt  
remember these on thy side. Cousins  
were united by Marriage the same  
day we were.

And I long to continue

As ever thy true affectionate wife  
and helpmeet  
Fanny Smith.

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Mr. F. Smith

Garden Cottage

Mt. Lightcliffe

Draper and Bighouse

Worke







N. York 12<sup>th</sup> Mo 27<sup>th</sup> 1883.

My beloved Husband

Near Midday Yesterday

I received Thine with Cards, and our dear  
Youngest Son's enclosed which he has sent thee  
from America in deep thought written so  
bright yet 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. I did not know he was  
out of England; but must acknowledge that  
I do hope all is for the best: as I think he  
will be 21 next 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo 16<sup>th</sup>; and of late I have  
often wondered whether Stonewell, Lancashire  
would be his position for Grocery Business  
but have kept these thoughts secret in Trust  
and was glad to learn from thee good ac-  
counts of all our Children <sup>married</sup> across the Oceans  
and their Children: and our youngest Daughter  
whom thou hast now at Home: I had a few  
lines from Sister Susan, <sup>dated 26<sup>th</sup></sup> and she enclosed  
Tracts and Card which are so encouraging,  
but which I did not receive till this morning  
she also informed me favorably of dear  
Maria's Health and Growth, when she visited  
Weston-super-Mare: and as I have only had this  
Paper and Envelope given me this day;  
wilt thou either, or let Maria, write to  
thank her Aunt for her kind Thoughts  
for me and give her my dear love.

And I do hope we shall all enjoy good  
Health for the Changes thou hast na-  
med for Removal from this County  
to Leicester which I trust may be beneficial



and now my beloved, if suitable, do come  
for me to be at thy side for packing  
and taking leave unitedly of Friends  
of all Denominations in that small  
Town we have been in the last 19 years: for  
I do verily believe it will be great re-  
lief for me to leave this House under  
thy Care, and our Heavenly Father's Will,  
for I am under such enriched Feeling  
through Days, and excellent Rests almost  
every Night, confirming me under His  
Supporting Presence; How all things  
are working together beneficially for  
me and mine to be under thy Roof.  
And if thou wilt accede to my wishes  
let us go round from here to visit  
our dear Relatives further North, and  
in Manchester. I have just  
been removed to Leicester felt many things  
to have changes for increased Happiness succumbed  
under our loving Lord and trust thou wilt  
probably come directly to remove me  
to enjoy more Health than I have had  
so many years now. We might get  
our Travelling accomplished in a few  
Days; and if to be done, let Maria be  
under careful Society during thy  
absence. I have also had some nice  
Cards with dear love from 2 Sisters in



Kendal denoting their wishes for  
Happy Christmas for me, and  
in dear Love to thee and Maria

I conclude by remarking thou  
didst not mention whether thou had  
received my last 2 weeks ago: urging  
thee then to come for

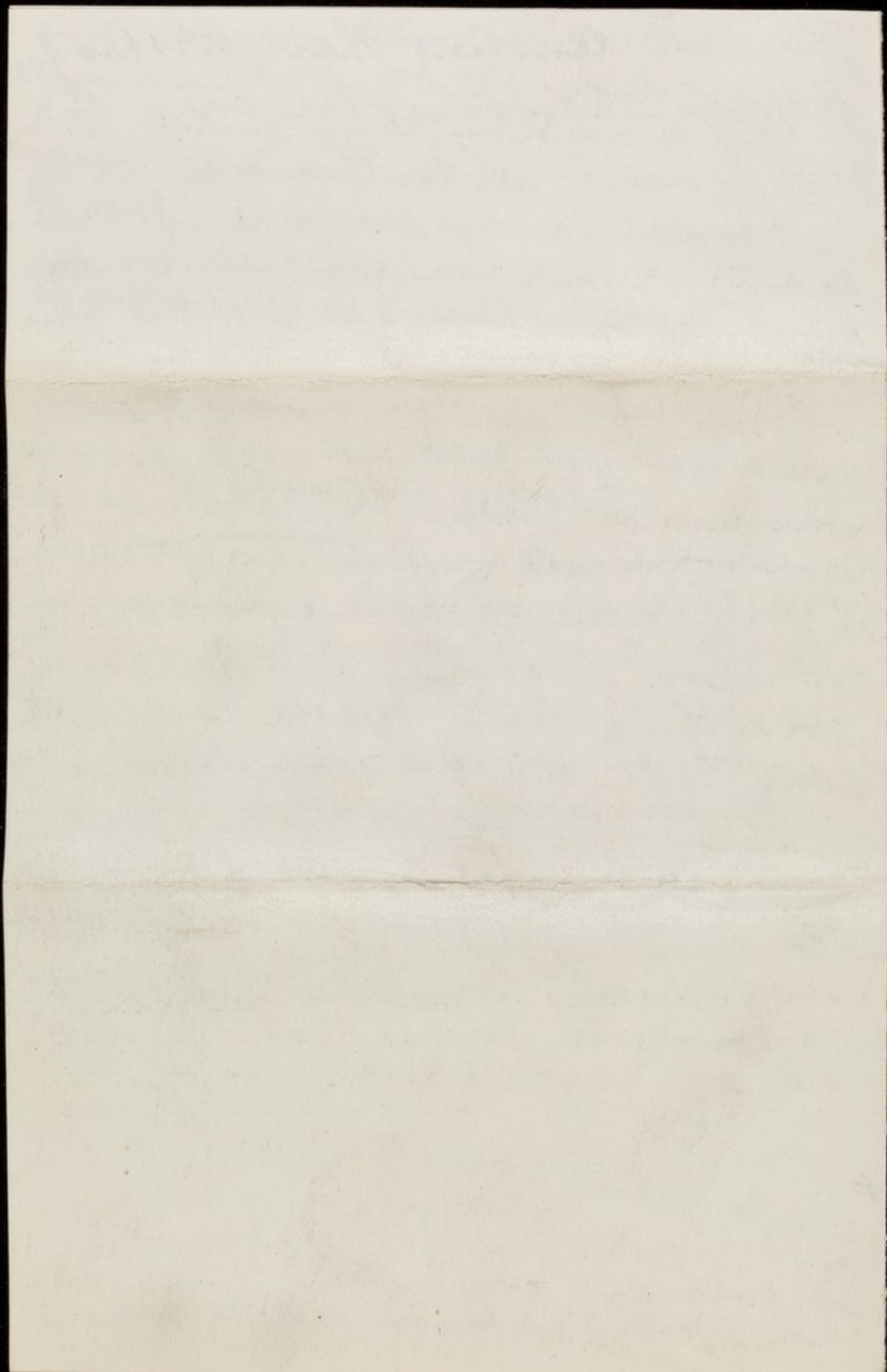
Thy sincere affectionate wife

Fanny Smith.

P.S. If during thy absence, there should  
be any suitable Enquiries, on my  
Health, probably Maria can give  
my Love, and Hopes for the Better  
Return amongst them shortly.  
and to enjoy good feelings in  
The Meeting House: and Schools.

Till we have to say Farewell,







Mr. F. Smith  
Garden Cottage  
Lightcliffe  
Mr. Brighouse  
Yorkshire

