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My Dearest Love,

I, together, with my dear Boys, sincerely, congratulate you on the return of this happy day and, pray, that our most gracious Preserver may yet add many years of health, peace and spiritual prosperity to a life so necessary for the comfort & welfare of your dear family. My health is certainly much better in this part of the Country, yet very many anxious fears continue to perplex me; I have not yet learnt the happy art of casting all my fears & cares on my great High Priest who still careth for his faithful People. May Christ dwell in your heart by faith; that you being rooted and grounded in love, may comprehend with all Saints the breadth, and length, and depth, and height &c. - By proper care, industry, and necessary attention, this will eventually be made a very pleasant, healthy, fruitful spot; my feet are so dreadfully sore and painful both by day and night that I have not yet been able to walk out, so that of course I have not reaped as much benefit as I otherwise should. I had always an idea that the Sabbath spent in the County would be very unpleasant, but I find it is quite delightful to be so retired and free from so many busy observers, and you know will be our own fault if we suffer

our inmates be they many or few to annoy us by pro-  
longing the sabbath Day. - truly my love, was it in  
your power to leave the hurry of business, by the bless-  
ing of the Almighty to crown our endeavours, we  
should enjoy much more constant and substantial  
happiness in the bosom of our own family; but,  
wisely to tell you this, when I know tis impossible  
for you at any rate for some years to turn your atten-  
tion that way. I will thank you to tell my Dear John  
I have not forgot that he is soon to come and be my  
visitor; the boys have conducted themselves well, far  
better than I at all expected but I fear will be a  
some trial to return to Hobart Town.

my sincere love to Sarah,  
how has she behaved to you?

Your truly affection  
Wife

Ann Mathon