

24 City Road Aug 20

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Dear Sir

I have written several letters to you at different times since you left England, but as I have never been favoured with any reply I conclude that in all probability they may not have reached you, I trust I shall now be fortunate in having this present letter conveyed into your own hands in safety I again write in behalf of your poor unfortunate Cousin Barbara Matthews whose destitute situation if you were only aware of it would I am sure induce you to relieve her from the time you have been absent from London you must be aware that her money is long since expended when I tell you that with the exception of the three Months she was with Mr Mitchell she has never been able on account of her ill health and helplessness ever been able to get a situation I have had her to keep entirely for more than two years, for I could not bear to see her starve she owes to Elizabeth Lynch No 6 Castle Street a kind friend a long arrears of Rent if you would only order Thomas Cotton to pay Barbara a few

sounds to extricate her from her Painful
situation it would be a real act of kind-
ness I do not ask you for more than
to help her out of her difficulties it
is totally out of my power to do so
I have had so many losses and disap-
pointments, myself that I cannot do
more for her I must say that Barbara
has still some little claim on you as
the niece of your respected Mother I do
not mean to say Barbara is without
her faults or that she behaved with
propriety at the time you left London
far from it still she is now sick and
destitute and as such I earnestly entreat
you to do something for her I have heard
from you occasionally from Mrs
Cotton and am glad to hear that your
prospects are good May the God of
your venerable Father and dear Mother
be your God and guide through life
and your portion for ever, many
of your old friends have died since
you left England, the conference has
just been held in London few of the old
preachers are now alive they have taken

The old Hoxton Academy, it is now called
the Wesleyan Institution for the education of
young men designed for the Ministry
My children are well Annie was
married a month since to a ~~Mr Land~~
Mr Landlough a very respectable young
man a ship and Insurance Broker
Richard is doing well at Manchester
your old friend William is with

Mr Baynes Bookseller in

Paternoster Row he is

grown very tall and is very clever
in the business, Mr & Mrs Powers are
quite well so are their family, I again
say before I close that I trust you
will do something for your unfor-
tunate Cousin it would have been
well for me had she either gone with
you or returned to Scotland I have
written to or three times to Scotland
and have only received from her friend
for her the sum of two Pounds so that
she is entirely on my hands, sincerely

wishes you every present and
eternal happiness I remain
Your sincere friend
A. E. Townsend

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