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My dear Is?

J B Walker

My sister Elizabeth has  
written thee a letter on  
her noctograph, which I  
hope thou wilt be able to  
make out. The noctograph  
is a frame with brass lines  
of wire to guide the hand  
in the night, or in blindness  
a style on black transfer  
paper being used to write  
with. Our old gr<sup>d</sup> Sarah  
Baker died at Thirsk on  
the 11th inst. & Hannah  
Scarr at York on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
the former 85, the latter  
76. Both in the joyful

hope of eternal life thro. Jesus Christ whom they had long loved and served. And my relative Henry King of Walmgate has just lost his second wife, at 31. She also died in the Lord, but her loss is great to Henry & his now 7 motherless children, but we may hope the blessing of the Lord will be with the bereaved ones.

I suppose thou wilt see by the Friend what is going on among thy old friends here; and

tho thou hast so much left them, which I regret both on thy own account & theirs, yet I hope thou hast not quite lost thy interest in them. I am glad to see that an interest in the present and eternal happiness of thy fellow creatures around thee has large place in thy mind. I was particularly pleased with the account of the meeting you had with your club & others. May the Lord bless your labours & you [thyself & fellows] in your work. - Writing is

more difficult to me,  
I soon tire & my hand  
starts. I found three  
copies of Stokes on oxidized  
Principles to my uncle  
J. B. Mather. I should  
like thee to have one  
of them. I'll bring so  
with my love. Stokes  
does not profess with  
Dots, but the lecture  
on oxidized Principles was  
at Dots institute - Man-  
chester. My love to thy  
dear Mother, & my other  
Hobart saw Dots in Sunday  
those born since I left. I read  
Smith's paper with interest  
thy fr! affly  
L. Backhouse