

34 Borough High Street
Southwark
Sept. 11th 1876

My very dear Niece,
I was very glad
to receive and read another
letter from you a few days ago,
& to hear the happy result
of James' examination. And
now I do trust that he ^{will} succeed
in his Professor, & be an
honor to, & useful in his
generation. I have a good
recollection of him when
in London, & thought I saw
the qualities in him highly creditable
- though, I confess, I felt rather

Letters from the Revd. Samuel Benson,
who was for many years rector at
St. Saviour's, Southwark; and, the
youngest brother of Ann Benson,
written to his niece, Sarah Benson
Walker (wife of George Washington Walker).

Revd. Samuel Benson born 4 Aug. 1799
and died in 1881.

This letter gives particulars of
members of the Revd. Joseph Benson's
family (pp. 3+4).

disappointed in his leaving the
Dart Bank. However, all is of
God; & if so, we may hope that
he will yet prosper. You tell
me that, he is not so devoted
to God as you could wish: but
I have some confidence that
he will yet be numbered
with his children, & have his
name enrolled in the Book of
Life. Give my, & Mrs Aunt's love to
him

You know that I am
getting fast into years; & losing
my recollection, & my sight.
I am obliged to take a Curate,
to whom I give the Pulpit, & other

Ministerial duties. It is a great
grief to me, speaking humanly;
but God must do all right; &
if I am to be shortly laid aside,
my duty is of patients, ready
for my service

I think by this time
you must ^{have} received 2 Photos
- i.e., of myself & my wife. The
period of the death of my
Brother Joseph & John, as far
as I know, was the former in
November 1853 & the latter Aug: 1860

I think you know that
my Brother John left several sons,
two of whom are in the Law
& I believe, possess, the Rectory of
the English Church. In fact,

Several of them are, in their
several ways, breakers.

As I am so unequal to
any thing of a literary kind,
I must forbear writing more
at present. Only I may tell you
that, my only surviving sister -
now about 81, - is in good
health, & her son James is in
tolerable health, tho' unable
thru weakness of one knee, &
general weakness, to do any
thing for the support of his mother
& sister. From your dear Uncle

J. Benson

M. With love to all