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young men, with perhaps a few  
others, have something of the kind.  
During the winter there has been  
a Scripture Reading meeting held  
once a fortnight, open to all the  
members & attenders of our meeting  
held in the smaller meeting house,  
they have been very interesting  
& I believe generally pretty well  
attended, I have only been at a  
few of them, they are not held  
until 10 o'clock, & I feel it  
rather late to turn out, so far, espe-  
cially if I have had to be in the  
city in the early part of the day.  
Last Fifth day we had a very in-  
teresting & instructive paper by  
Joseph & Seneca read, and our Savonarola  
conversations with Nicodemus, it  
was largely attended & we felt  
to be a solemn time, several friends  
spoke after, my dear Mother en-  
gaged in prayer. He has been more  
at home of late, & is now busily  
engaged with the Memoirs of my  
dear Father, the first three chap-  
ters are in the press, the sound of them  
have yet to undergo the final cor-  
recting, I believe it will be a valuable

and interesting work, the great dif-  
ficulty seems to be in condensing  
sufficiently — I have been troubled  
to think the books so long ago sent,  
as to the case of Thomas Cookson to be  
forwarded to Robert, Penn, he has been  
laying at his house for so long a  
time, we hope they are now shipped  
but they should have been with  
you long before this, we cannot  
imagine what has come to Cookson  
it is so different to the promptness of  
former days. — We have good ac-  
counts from my dear Sister, the very  
kind winter has been kind, has been  
congenial to her. The maid near her  
two or three weeks ago, he would in-  
quire about them, & they all with  
their dear love — My niece Jane Ely  
who is spending a few days with  
us, desires me to give her my dear  
love, I think I told her she was  
likely to be married to Mr. Simpson  
he is in the Bank at Darlington, he  
has taken a house very near to my  
Sister, their marriage is likely to  
take place about the early part  
of seventh month — During the  
summer I expect Joseph Penn  
will be married to Julia  
Lechman, Sarah Rountree is desir-  
ing her home, so they will all be

under the same roof, tho' in different  
houses, it is a pleasant prospect to know  
all my nice Nanny is greatly rejoiced  
at the prospect of having her Cousin here.  
I am glad to say Tommy Williams  
is very much better, tho' he is unable  
to walk about, & looks like himself  
again. I mentioned in my last,  
George Mearns Jr being sent a trial  
to his friends, he has now really  
sailed for Australia & shall he come  
to Dehuah, I am sure I take care  
not to have anything to do with him,  
his conduct has been so thoroughly  
unprincipled, returning money he  
sold false statements, even at last got  
into prison, & many of his acts before  
had the parties prosecuted would have  
placed him there, to get him out of  
the country seemed the only thing to  
be done & without, he reports I am  
I hope he will not do much better.

Our poor Queen has had the sym-  
ptom of her people there and there in a  
remarkable manner, the death of  
Prince Albert is felt as a public loss  
it did come with a great shock upon  
the Nation & very teaching is found on  
the uncertainty of life, I seem to  
have soon come to the end of my sheet,  
so much love with my dear love  
believe me ever to be thy truly attached friend

Eliza Blackmore  
Love to the Father & Mother