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It was my wish
to have acknowledged the receipt
of thy very acceptable letter of the
10th of Decr. by the last mail, but
was not able to do so before leaving
home, & whilst attending yearly meeting
there was not much time for letter
writing, & in addition to this my eyes
have been so misty, that I find a
little difficulty in writing, tho' I
hope the advice I got whilst in London
has been somewhat beneficial & I
had at least the satisfaction of finding
that the sight was good, but from a
rheumatic affection, there is a diffi-
culty in dilating the pupils & somewhat
of a filminess also, but if the appli-
cations now used do not remove this,
it is thought, a simple operation would
do it, so thou seest I am in somewhat
dilapidated state & may be perceived
if my writing should be a little
interfered with. Our yearly meeting
was a very satisfactory one, all the

we were deprived of the company
& services of many to whom we were
wont to look up to, yet it is cause for
thankfulness to see them prepared
& preparing to fill the vacant places.
It seemed strange not to have
Lester there, & he was so unwell
the early part of the year, from a cold
at the back of his neck, as to cause
serious apprehensions about him, but
from the last accounts we hope he
will recover, & he spared a little
longer to his friends, & the church.
His illness prevented his wife getting
over, & during the first week his
sisters also, but they could leave him
comfortably the latter part. My
cousin Catharine Washburne was
also taken ill, & unable to attend
& this prevented Eliza Barclay also,
she is still too unwell to return home,
but we hope she may be able to
do so before very long. We were favored
with some sweet visits from the New
Friends, Isaac Sharp & Saml Fox, with
John L Eddy & Jos^h Buxslay, then
Mr Tanner, Fred, & J. M. Wright, from
all of whom we had excellent counsel.

L. Eddy, taking an affectionate leave
before returning to America, where
we hope he may now have arrived.
He had joined a very satisfactory
to this land, & I trust a blessing
rest upon his labors. I must not
forget to mention the precarious state
of Robert Lindgays health, at the time
of the yearly meeting he was very ill,
but I suppose he may have rallied
again, his complaint is said to be an
affection of the heart, which he felt
first when at Millbourne, & his friends
seem to have little expectation of his
recovery, he has been unable to
go to the meetings for some time past.
My dear Brother had a heavy
cold for a week or two before he
went to London, & this week he
during the first week being
markedly cold, he did not get
quite so well, I felt anxious about
him, but I am thankful to see
he is now much better, tho' he certainly
was put on the old man's bench
of late, tho' considering he will be very
soon enter upon his 70th year, we
much expect this, indeed we do.

of us feel that we are quite amongst
the old people, may we with this view
be stimulated more earnestly to look
to the end of time, & a preparation thro'
the mercy of God in Christ Jesus for
that life which is eternal. James Jr
has also been an invalid for some
time from an affection of the liver,
we hope he is getting over it, & his
Father & he talk of taking a little
journey among the Welsh Mountains
when our Quarterly Meeting is over,
Mary, & the two Children are well.

My Sister is better than she was, a
severe attack of bronchitis in the
Spring pulled her down greatly, and
her anxiety about Sarah Jane told
upon her, she latter had a severe
illness brought on by the outward
use of wine, producing a violent
attack of what the Doc^r calls Eczema,
it was a very unusual case, I hope
she has now got over it, tho' not yet
able to take the exercise she used to.

I have not seen Thos for some time
being from home when he was last
here, he expects to be married in the
next month, he has been to David

This, he is a nice thoughtful looking
young man - much interested in
Sabbath Schools, which he diligently
attended before his illness. Many
of our young men take a deep inter-
est in them & I believe have felt
that they have been the means of
deepening their religious feelings,
& have been the stepping stones to
more enlarged service. To order to
meet the wants of their scholars they
have been induced to diligently
study the scriptures, & this has been
helpful in their own Christian work.
I was deeply interested in the sketches
of thy own State, & many truly say
many prayers have been put
up that thou might be not only
convinced of the truth, but know
God thyself that thorough conviction
of heart, wherein self is laid low
& which is indeed known to be, not
only in theory, but in reality as re-
deemed & sanctified, & as thou
art willing to be led & guided by
his Spirit, strength will be given
to resist temptation, & to live a life
to his praise & glory - I send a

note addressed to me from John & Anne
after perusing thy letters, which will
show how deeply he also is interested
in thy health, welfare - Thomas Allen
still manifests his deep feeling for
his young friends, he wishes me to
give a page of dear love to thee
I think he spoke of having written
to thee he keeps up a very large
correspondence with Hook & Schwartz
scholar. We have at present very
fine summerlike weather, the
gardens are looking beautiful,
roses in great profusion, the fine
showers we have lately had mak-
ing vegetation very luxuriant,
this is our quarterly meeting week,
so I am endeavouring to get my
letter written before company
comes to prevent my doing so. I
see I have made a blunder in
writing upon the wrong page,
which thou must excuse, & put
to the score of my somewhat
defective vision. It was pleasant
to hear from thy Uncle J. B. Matthews
letter to my Brother received last
week that you were all well.

There has been a good deal of illness
in this country during the Spring
measles, Small Pox & other eruptive
complaints very prevalent - but
they seem now subsiding -

My Cousin Fanny Williams
is not better health this she has
gone strong, her Mother had been
far from well of late, often
suffering from her head, they
all wished me to give their dear
love when I wrote -

23^d - This morning post brought
the information of the decease of
our valued friend Robert Lind
on the 20th of this month, the
interment to take place tomorrow
being our 2^d mile present
some friends going who would
probably have inclined to do so.

I have just had W^m Simpson
here, he gives a good account
of Jane Eliza & her babe, & also
of my Sister, Sarah Jane & Tho^s
We have again a very warm
day, the thermometer upward of,

"a house, more likely to be got at this
place, he seems encouraged about
his business - My niece Jane Eliza
has a little daughter a month old,
& Julia Rowland one three weeks
old, Edickson is still with her, it
is very nice to have her here awhile

22nd I was greatly reminded of
the last week when I attended
the examination of the boys at Broo-
tham, particularly in finding my
nephew James Brookfield
now just fifteen, filling the position
that did at the top of the school, he
is very little of his age, & the youngest
but one in the class, I hope he may
not be unduly exalted by this, and
probably after the vacation there
will be a larger number of younger
boys in the class. It was pleasant
to see Edward Brookfield, he came
over from Hurrogate to attend the
examination, I seemed greatly to
enjoy it, he has been in very
delicate health, his chest so much
affected that he has been unable
for some months to attend to his
studies, it is hoped that he is now over