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My Beloved Brother ^{27. 11. 82}

^{the} ^{the} ^{the}
 arrived here on 25 I can truly sym-
 pathize with thee in the loss
 thou hast sustained through the
 dear ones sake we may
 rejoice that our Heavenly
 Father was pleased to say it
 is enough and to release from
 an afflicted Tabernacle into the
 realms of bliss and I cannot
 doubt the language of thy
 heart is "the Lord I love and
 the Lord protection away blessed
 be the Name of the Lord" as
 I can testify when our
 loved ones are laid on a
 bed of affliction and we
 have to witness their suffer-
 ings and we quite unable
 to help them and know
 that all earthly means are

unavailable we are not
 only made willing to part
 with them but can even re-
 joice when their hour has
 come for to exchange the
 trials of Time for an entrance
 into that City none of whose
 inhabitants can say I am
 sick for ever with the Lord
 Amen so let it be

Life from the dead is in
 that word as I mandately
 I remember how I felt in
 reference to our dear Sister

Rachel though I trust dear
 Sister's ~~Sister~~ bodily afflict-
 ions were not so suffering
 as hers so that I was in-
 deed thankful when the
 time arrived for the

spirit to be released thou
 hast indeed cause my be-
 loved Brother to remember
 all the way the Lord has
 led thee granted such a long
 life of happiness to you 60
 years!! how very few are
 permitted that I am remind-
 ed of an afflicting case we had
 a few months ago I had
 with a younger Brother of
 Fred whom I think thou
 knew they were only united 10
 months when the tie was
 severed she was confined, felt
 came on and she was not
 conscious again only lived a
 few hours the infant a little
 Boy survives dear young man
 I feel much for him he has
 been to America but he is
 a serious minded man and
 I believe knows where to
 look for help under what

would otherwise be an
 almost overwhelming stroke
 he seems better and my Son
 says is able to notice his little
 Boy my dear love to Edw and
 his Wife trust their happiness
 is complete with such a fine
 Boy very glad to hear it is so
 well over and now my dear
 Brother I am quite at a loss to
 understand thy screaming about
 my remarks respecting dear H H all
 I cannot think what I could
 possibly have said to cause
 it as dear woman I felt
 much sympathy with her and
 James too was so sorry they did
 not receive a more cordial
 reception I was quite pained
 to know the reflections passed
 on her by some at Chelmsford
 and spoke very plainly about

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it when I was at Cousin
 W. Boller his Wife told me
 afterwards she was glad I
 spoke out so plainly it is clearly
 something that must have
 misunderstood either from my
 defective memory I must have
 omitted something that made
 the sentence incomplete or did
 I repeat something that had
 been said of her and those
 thought they were my sentiments
 so I trust those said I have
 nothing against the dear wo
 man I think I told those of
 E Robey calling on us I had
 felt very anxious about them
 till then told ^{her} so said I could
 not hear any tidings of them
 had no idea where they could
 be well she said I can tell
 you she had recd a letter
 from James informing her of

their being at Bomboys she
 kindly lets it for me to
 read. Mr Beck had kindly
 copied from his Indian correspond
 all the account of their visit
 there their visit was quite
 appreciated there I expect by
 this time they has recd them at
 Retvedon I think James would
 rather regret not being in time
 to see his ~~mother~~ but under
 the circumstances perhaps it was
 better not as poor dear if she
 would not have recognized
 him it would have pained
 him. My dear love to him
 and Hannah I am glad to
 hear of their having so far safely
 accomplished what was on
 their minds I joy at whether
 there was any other service in
 prospect I hope James will
 tell me sometime a little about

Palestine when young I had
 a strong wish to see it but
 that could not be I have not
 heard from Sister Rachel some
 time her step daughter from
 Canterbury was here one day
 last week thought her mother
 was well though she had not
 heard some time my daughter
 and her husband spent last
 week with me as my son ^{was}
 out attending a General Meeting
 at Maidstone I have no doubt
 our Cousin Wm Bott would
 be glad to assist thee with his
 advice respecting Emigrants he
 is a most kind hearted man
 I fear he is not well as I
 have not heard from Cousin
 Mary for some time he was not
 well the last time I heard I
 think I told thee he was

using the ~~old~~ those recommended
 when I was there in the Spring
 ever he thought so did him
 good more recently he has suf-
 fered more from but we have
 had so much wet this Autumn
 no doubt has affected him

Well dear Brother I must say
 farewell with dear love and
 sympathy in which my Son-in-law
 and my daughter and her
 Husband would too but they do
 not yet know it

thy affect Sister

Mary Skell