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My Beloved Brother 16.10.89

Mine to hand yes  
 today I have been rather anxious  
 waiting for tidings of our dear  
 valid it is surprising how na-  
 ture holds out it is a comfort  
 to know the one does not suf-  
 fer so much pain as sometimes for  
 it is a sad trial to witness the  
 sufferings of those we love and  
 be utterly powerless to help them  
 I return thee the 2 Notes forward-  
 ed to me for <sup>James</sup> ~~him~~ as I have not any  
 thing <sup>from</sup> since they were to leave  
 for Port Said on the 12<sup>th</sup> of month  
 so have been very desirous to hear  
 but write failed in my enquiries  
 about 2 weeks ago Ellen Robey  
 Miss Kitch post up at Clifton  
 where they staid all the time  
 they were in London called on  
 us I told her I could not ima-  
 gine how it was had not  
 heard from her since he left Con-  
 stant and had no idea where  
 he was she said I can tell

upon he was at Bombay I think  
 the letter was dated the begin<sup>ing</sup>  
 of ~~last~~<sup>this</sup> month were to leave the  
 next day. I think after going to  
 Palestine they intended to pro-  
 ceed to the USA Colonies & R.  
 said she had recd three letters  
 from him since he left En-  
 gland one while they were at  
 Jerusalem I do not expect thou  
 know who C. P. is J. B. mother  
 was very kind to one of her sons  
 and he told James to be sure  
 to go and see his mother so  
 they called soon after getting to  
 London finding they were  
 not in comfortable lodgings  
 she would have them come to  
 her and they were there all the  
 time they were in London I do  
 so regret thou had not  
 known of their proceedings  
 while in England I should  
 have written but supposed I  
 was regularly corresponding  
 with thee and it would

only be a repetition they came  
 to see me during the 14<sup>th</sup> my  
 son was in London at 14 so  
 they expressed a wish to have  
 a meety with <sup>the</sup> inhabitants  
 so I went with J to the In-  
 dependent. Ministers he recd  
 us very kindly and they were so  
 for that evening as it ~~is~~ wished  
 for a further opportunity he  
 invited them again they went  
 from here to Cousin Wm. Butler  
 as he saw of the day he attend  
 ed by Mr. Wm. reports he <sup>was</sup> did  
 not attend the whole of 14<sup>th</sup>  
 they were both very much out  
 of health with the rage of  
 quite recruited by their stay <sup>here</sup>  
 they would have liked to  
 have held a meety for the Pub-  
 lic at Chalmers Ford but Friends  
 would not grant the Meeting  
 house so Wm. did what he  
 could <sup>arranged</sup> for 3 Meetings for one  
 the 1<sup>st</sup> day evening at <sup>the</sup> <sup>room</sup>

field near his own home at  
 which he was present and  
 told me it was very satisfactory  
 they staid 9 or 10 days then  
 set to Soudon till they left  
 for Port Said I called on a  
 friend in Soudon to ask him  
 how it was that Mr James  
 was not more cordially recd  
 he said had he come alone  
 it would not have been so  
 that I friends did not like  
 to be with him I do not  
 know how it was as I had ne-  
 ver seen her before but her  
 last visit to England does  
 not appear to have left a  
 pleasant impression on the  
 minds of some, Cousins and my  
 self were pleased with her  
 visit to E and her not being  
 a Member made it difficult  
 as she would have liked to  
 have held a Meeting at Chap-  
 ham but the Minister en-  
 quired if she was a Member and  
 Josh could not say she was

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 I felt much for them but  
 trust it would be overruled  
 for their good And now about  
 Alfred Smith as his Mother is  
 very reticent on the subject can  
 not say much from all I can hear  
 from some that ought to know it  
 appears as soon began to show  
 an overbearing temper asserting  
 the Marrying not consulting her  
 which of course would lead  
 to unhappiness I fear he is  
 a trying temper one can hard-  
 ly imagine a Bridegroom  
 8 weeks contemplating her  
 leaving her Husband if she  
 was treated with kindness and  
 affection such we may conclude  
 could not have been the  
 case respecting their friends  
 trying to reconcile them  
 I was speaking to one of Aunt's  
 intimate friends as to whether  
 any thing could be done when

she said it had better be left as her opinion was nothing could be done some of their relatives consider he is the most to blame of course there is a good deal of talk about it I have felt some surprise that his mother did not tell me about it as I have been left to report it must be more than a year since I first heard it I should have mentioned it before but hoped it would be made up as to their operation for six months

I thought when I heard of it that would do good I feel much for her Parents as well as for the poor widowed wife her Father has been such an Invalid for so many years I shall feel very anxious to hear of one beloved one double up she is enabled to say all the days of my appointed time will I must tell my change comes with my dear love and sympathy is upon both thy affection I shall I shall