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My dear L —

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A line will I am sure be welcome to you and as far as that line treats of tender mercy and loving-kindness shewn from God by Jesus Christ thro' the Spirit to one whom I loved — to write it is praise to God a rendering to Him the acknowledg-
ment of the mercy and grace which He has shewn.

She rests — Absent from the body and present with the Lord and this manner of leaving of the cords that bind in this life body and soul together and of this manner gathering up to His own presence was a master work of gentleness and tenderness.

Seeing how as our pilgrim course lengthen'd out her sense of weakness and littleness grew upon her and strengthened her timidity and reticeness I had each summer of late propos'd to her to accompany me alone in my work. Southampton one year Aberdeen another and when Dear Mr Darcy's illness was heard of this year — Guelph — Ah! first she hesitated to accompany me next day accepted the thought but then declined her own gentleness and the need of preparation to accompany this Sep to Barbadoes. At the plea but most heartily did she urge my coming soon after my arrival I found that Mr Darcy intended going to Barbadoes in Dec. this after prayer led me to postpone my going thither and to my propos'ing to stay and work in America till Dec and then to my writing to say that as Lady Robinson was returning here in Aug she should as saints here wish'd if come out I did not go over to fetch her only because I feared that my doing so might induce her to come while her inclination might be against so doing. When my letter reach'd her she was ill from a tendency to inflamed state of the mucous membrane but the most symptoms giv'd to diet rest and exercise seem'd to do as though her judgment seem'd form'd that her days were most markedly numbered. She decid'd to come and came in the Belgiam sailing on Aug 15th and reaching Quebec on the 27th. She had but one thought about coming and that was that it was the counsel of God for her and His Compassion to her God was most pitiful to her in the ship in a thousand unheard

of ways. I think the little sea-sickness proved the state of her system. I met her daughter and maid at Quebec and we came on in the same boat. hither C. Paynes had prepared airy rooms at his house for us and we were abundantly cared for in shore. Two weeks and four hours after her arrival here she passed away as if falling asleep after 24 hours watchfulness. To me she was Communicator in this fortnight as to what God had wrought for her in Christ and in her in enabling her to bow to God as the reconciler, 2 Cor v 20, 21, as to Pa 32 & Rev 1. 5, 6, as to Thess IV 15-17. (That is mine God has given I to me) as to the unchangeableness of God and Christ as to her non self being forced out of the world and self-righteousness as to how much He had blessed her mind & taught her between June 15th and Aug 24th and shown her to how she had to judge her way in love &c. The discerning of the daughter being a better prop to her than her husband in things of this world and turning from him to her in all cases &c. Her self judgment occupation with all whom she loved I urging her husband to write to ~~me~~ this one and that one and her care about all her poor were remarkable.

Not long after her arrival there was during 1 1/2 days an attack of inflammation and from that she rallied not sans in measure it was distress not acute pain Miss being here and not in routine work left me free to be much with her and my feeling that the Lords rod was stretched out upon me made me decline preaching in both of the Sunday evenings as another was ready to do it. These evenings I spent in her room on the 13th she had slept during the night but was removed in the morning to another bed no suffering but exhaustion and frequent asking for beef tea and a little brandy and water in a spoon.

At 4 1/2 p.m. I took my papers to her room and prayed by her several times that Christ might be magnified in her body and mine whether by life or by death. Faintness came on as once or twice before but yielded to ordinary relief and she fell asleep dozing at first then ~~reuniting~~ ~~into~~ ..

deeper sleep and about 10 while I and Mrs Raynes
were beside she breathed heavily. I fetched the daughter
who had gone to rest so as to relieve me at 8 and she
ceased to breathe at 10.10. From the peculiarity of her
mind and from my knowledge of it I went through an
agonizing last state should be permitted to make an
inroad. But thank God the agony and the wrestling
the fear and the watching to prayer fell on me as
my portion and not in the least on her.

She is one who will be known better in heaven than
on earth as woman's meek and lowly in heart 48
years I knew her about 32 been the one who tried to
shelter her given as she tried to help me by prayer. I
expect no one to be able to estimate her grace Christ's
grace in her but she is with Him who loved her and
gave Himself for her and to her fought with her till
she bowed to His being all on all and who now
makes her happy. He will bring her again for we are
to be together there where "we shall be for ever with the Lord"
can be said. It is right for one to be wholly devoted
to God and to His work on earth if that were the
characteristic of any one you could well understand
how after a 33 years exercise in it when the thoughts of
leaving domestic quietness and going out with a husband
to the West Indies to visit the world and then go out
to Canada to join a husband and be his aid the
mind passed into all sorts of exercises as to domestic
comforts not being devotedness to God and how as
the mind got formed for new work it got into a
fresh energy. This was of God a ripening at the close.
The great love of saints in England the visits of
Mr.

husband and of the going forth of a wife and
daughter and maid the interest in the voyage
by Mr Darby and saints far and wide in Canada
the hearty and godly reception at Quebec and
Montreal everything done as unto the Lord all put
the soul into a state in which were basted aspects
the events of the Missionary Work in rather deep of her
work in Ireland! The mind seemed to grow and expand
and many and many a private habit of thought
dropp'd off as if she said "I used to think thus in
my own circle but God thinks this in His circle
where I am." This letter must count dear A. for one to
give the Concord - Walkers - if you could let them read
it would save me writing & get leisure. Please tell H. & I
I thank him for his kind hopes to write but delay
hoping first to hear from Mrs. B.

Most affectionately

Yours
Signed G. V. Wigram

Good reports from eye witnesses
of J. H. D.'s health.