

your handwriting has a few lines  
more in it than the other ink of paper  
and I was so tired when I wrote this to her  
that I had to stop several times to rest  
and I have not had a good night's sleep  
since. I have been thinking of you  
and how much I love you and how  
much I want to see you and how  
much I want to be with you. I  
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kind just now. Goddard  
left us on sabbath evening last  
by train for Hull we had a  
letter from him on Tuesday  
and another on Wednesday he  
expected to sail on the morning  
of that day, we will hear from  
him again when he gets to  
Lerwick but after that can hear  
nothing of him for six seven or  
eight months. I trust he will  
escape the hazards of the voyage  
and return to us invigorated  
both in body and mind he  
is very tall and thin and  
required some relaxation  
he mentions that the Captain  
is a very gentlemanly pleasant  
man which is a great comfort  
as he and the mates will  
be his only society for a time  
I have got a small photograph  
of him which I prize in the meantime



your grace does not improve  
I think he is weaker within  
the last three months and  
also more breathless than  
yesterday's effort in his  
to walk at the time of the  
get the anniversary as much as  
he is able for and even that  
he would rather sit in the  
preside than do. I have been  
speaking to him occasionally  
about the state of his mind  
has still difficulties and  
but I trust our prayers on his  
behalf will be answered  
and that we will have the  
pleasure and satisfaction of  
hearing him say that he is  
prepared & reconciled  
for whatever the Lord intends  
with his sign. He has had  
warning what I hope I am  
grateful for, some days



Gave never see

I feel tolerably strong others almost a look will upset me

Mario's Children have all had scarlet fever the three eldest are better but the two youngest are still under it although doing well

Jessie's family are well, also Walter's they have both got most comfortable houses Mr C has now quite recovered his very serious accident.

I am glad to hear Jessie thrives so well but you must not let her get fat her length can not stand much more breadth she writes in excellent spirits and seems very contented and happy as well she may but dear Margaret if you do not urge her to self improvement and to every duty you require of her with as great ease as I would I will be grievously disappointed