

Manchester th 11. Oct 1842

My dear Mary,

I have read your kind Letter with painful Interest it is praise worthy both to your Head and to your heart; The greatest consolation you can justly lay claim to is the Consciousness of having attended to the Comfort of your ^{most} Sainted Parent with the unwearied Solitude -

I am sorry that I have not been able to evince my sympathy ^{by} ~~with~~ Personal attention under your good Affliction - but the fault is that my great Enemy the Good drives ^{badly}

badly too much advantage
from excited feelings - it keeps
making diminishing attacks in
spite of temperance - sometimes
causing, Dizziness of the head and
some times twitches in the limbs
since the agreeable prospect of
stepping into my 72nd year before this
year is out and so to face my
72nd winter -

May Providence spare you for
a long time from sorrow and
affliction -

Believe me

Truly and Affectionately Yours

E. W. Barker

Mrs M. G. Jackson
Beckwith Mills

Great Grandfather Parker to Grandmother
On the death of her mother was
Dumfries