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My dear Joseph

Mr. Dr. Dempster is leaving
us to-day, and has kindly offered to convey
my little parcel for us, I would not omit
such a favorable opportunity of showing you
our unabated affection. I can scarcely describe
to you our disappointment in not seeing ^{you}, but
I suppose it is amongst the "all things"
that are working for good. This has been a
year of bitter sorrow and disappointed hopes,
our path has ~~been~~ been smooth and pros-
perous, but in educating us for eternity
the Great Teacher has at length seen it
necessary to cause us to pass under the rod,
we trust your prayers that it may not have
been in vain. Ere you receive this you will

I dare say have received a letter from my father, informing you of the ^{new} breach which the last enemy has made in our family in the removal of our youngest boy. I can scarcely realize the fact: in the case of this dear child it does not require a strong course of faith, to say, it is well; his physical powers were so feeble, he would never have enjoyed good health, and we feel quite sure he is in that bright world, where the inhabitants no more say I am sick; but in the other case there was so much promise both of body and mind cut off at a stroke, yet we are quite sure the judge of all the earth must do right: dear little Johnny's death has been a great loss to his grand-papa, for he was his companion both by day and night. We have been much delighted with Dr. D. he is a fine specimen of intellect

and actual piety, he preached 3 sermons here and it was a rich treat, I fear however he would not be estimated by the multitude: he will tell you that you have warm hearted relatives, who would feel the liveliest pleasure to see you once more. I fear he will fall short of the mark in the great object of his visit, you know John Bull is too apt to act on the conviction that "charity begins at home". Of Dr. Chinn we have seen and heard nothing. I can scarcely say I am sorry he has not been to York, for it would have required an effort to have given him a cordial reception. John has sent you a lithograph of our house, drawn upon paper by himself: the dial in the front of the house is perhaps the largest in the King's domain of his own constructing, the window to the left as you enter the house is our dining-room, and the window above it, one of principal

for dormitories for the young gentlemen;
the centre one is a door opening from the
Landing upon a balcony, the window next
it, is our spare lodging room, where we hope
soon to accommodate you; the window to the right
of the door and the large box at the end are in
our drawing-room; our common sitting room
with kitchen and various sleeping rooms &c is
placed at the back; the hot house you saw
projects beyond the main building, the Dr. can
tell you we grow excellent grapes, for he has
sawed them. The building to the right is the
school-room, the high pole with the flag at the
top the boys' swing pole. Oh! how I wish you
could come and see your cousin Mary's
home, but the time has fallen so pleasant
places. John has also sent you a view of the
old abbey, and a portion of the prayer book
belonging to the printer, which was destroyed
at the fire, and which has the marks of