93 Liverpool Street
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My dear Anna Maria

This is thy natal day, and I am not with thee to wish thee "many happy returns of it", which I do, in all sincerity; may it, on each return, mark an advance in the Christian path, even to the mark for the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus. May'st thou be favored to drink plentifully of the stream of that River which gladdens the City of God. Thou hast many and great trials, and sometimes sore perplexities; yet these have been alleviated, and in some cases removed by a power higher than our own. Continue my beloved, to trust in this power. Doubtless there is much that thou canst not understand now, which will be made known hereafter, and then thou will see that all things are made to work together for good to them who love the Lord. Poor John Meredith I am sorry both for him and for his family. I wonder does he ever think of our poor George, and of my employing him to err, if he did err in his judgments, on the side of mercy - feeling "blessed are the merciful" but

in two letters of the same nature. I felt a restraint from adding – "they shall obtain mercy". I think that he must reflect on his past conduct as far as George is concerned with regret. but he himself is now an object of sympathy. May God in his goodness of his love be more merciful to him than he has been to others.

The Commissioner of the Gold fields is L.D. Chapman's son, and from what their sayers I take it, that George is to get some public employment. I have not been to the Public offices much yet – and I was thinking of going to see the Premier on George's account – but have not yet seen my way to do so. I might do more harm and good – and if not more harm. I think that I have seen some blessings in store for poor George. I yesterday was at the Mark Box and said (to Ann Mother) there needed a School there – all children – as also a place of worship. He had a public meeting there in the open air.

I am writing to John – to get 4 Clerks to send: they are thinking to leave on Tuesday afternoon for the Forty. then onto Carlton I I leave Thomas Pollard James and Edward. If so – they will have a meeting with John's household on Lord day – but how long a stay they may make I know not.

I cannot leave till second day at the nearest – but hope to say when – by second days post.

As to the Will – Martha Martin consents to an equal division of the proceeds of sale of trade: it is uncertain whether the Thalborns will unite: I hope that all will end well.

Our Meetings are progressing well – yesterday a setting after the Meeting for worship to morrow evening it is expected will finish them. We have no meeting this evening but a Meeting of Elders and Overseers is appointed at 4 this afternoon. The intermediate times between the Meetings have scarcely sufficed to draw up the various documents &c. It has been to some close application.

John Lyon has called and hinted me wants me to go into the Houses I did write some reference to my health in my last – look to it again – also the letter. Said things in clear Inarkler – and of not a heard affair of Scotts – deplorable indeed –

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all unite with me in dearest love
to Father Mother Joseph & Dr Henry
My affectionate husband
Warren Potter