

Middleton Feb 26<sup>th</sup> /45

My Dear Friend/

Your letter dated Aug<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> reached here on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Oct. and I was glad to hear that you were well in health and that the Lord continues to own and bless your labours in endeavouring to spread the savour of his name, among the dark benighted heathen, to God be all the praise.

I am pretty well at the present time for which I desire to be thankful. My wife is but poorly she has not been for some time. There is much affliction all around us and amany people are ill. May the end be assured may it drive us nearer to the Saviour. This year I have been much engaged, having had a many things to perplex and excersice my mind, having had the Parish affairs to attend to I am now Guardian and Overseer of the Poor.

I find a many things that would draw away my mind from God. from things eternal and divine. but I trust I shall be enabled to labour on at Gods command and offer all my

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works to him. I am still endeavouring to warn men to flee from the wrath to come. I was at Tansley on Sunday last the Lord was with me indeed and of atruth. The more I think about the importance of the work. the more I feel my unworthiness and utter insufficiency for these things – I feel that I want more faith in God. More of that love which dwelt in Jesus. that yearning pity for mankind. that burning charity. but am encouraged from that promise so I am with you always even unto the end of the world – a field wide and extensive enough to occupy all the Labourers in the Lords vineyard. Who all prepared and all desireous to go forth bearing in there Lands the banner Glory to God in the highest on earth peace and good will towards men. and if in this field the enemies of God and man, may have been actively engaged in sowing there Taus(?). The more binding is our duty. who by the Grace of God have tasted of the preciousness of the Gospel. to go forth to meet them and to sow the good seed in humble dependence upon the blessing of the great husband man hopeing that under his benign and gracious influence that seed will take deep root, spring up and bring forth fruit in some thirty, some sixty and in others an hundred fold. hence he hath said cast thy bread upon the waters and it shall be seen after many days

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We have changed our preachers in this circuit the last year we have now Mess<sup>rs</sup> Harrison and Walker – two good men Mr Harrison was in this circuit – about 16 years ago we have some tokens of good in some parts of the circuit I trust we shall have the showers We have had amany Deaths around us of late. Mr Marsh died a few weeks ago. There has been a melancholy circumstance happened at Hopton Marmaduke Middleton (Esqu.) fell from his horse and died suddenly when returning home from Hunting it is supposed he was in Liquor. Mr Harwood is (missing) Building a new school at Middleton. The curate (missing) got now seems to be a good man and I hope (missing). Mr Pearson of South Wingfield has been doing (missing) at Middleton till Mr Harwood got one. He is living at Bradbourne and does duty at Carsington. My Brother is still living at duty Dovey at Manchester. Dr Newton is expected to Preach at Wirksworth on Monday next March the 4<sup>th</sup> when I hope I shall have the pleasure to hear him. May we be found faithful in those stations which Providence has placed us so that at last we may be

admitted in to the joy of our Lord. I must now conclude soliciting an interest in your prayers. Accept my kind regards and best wishes with those of my dear wife Father & Mother Brother and Sisters

I am my Dear Friend

Yours Truly

William Buckley