Bray Family fonds

Ann Elizabeth Rawson to Abraham Bray (GA265-43) May 20, 1876

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24 Moor St

Dear Uncle,

I was very glad to hear

from you it cheered my mother to

hear from you we often talk

about you all in America Mother

has enquired about the Apples

they are 2 [inserted above: S] 8 [inserted above: d] per Stone Mother is not

well [&?] as [i.e. has] not been for some time she

sends her Carte de visit instead of

writing this time we are very

comfortable & Happy together I am nearly

23 years of age & I have a deal better

Health that what I have had for some

years, we go to see uncle William

& He always makes us welcome I am

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Forewoman at a Stationers Shop over the Sewing of Books &c I have been above five years in the trade & learnt it all

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through I have plenty of work with all the girls as there is so many different tempers to deal with also I am a Teacher at the Sunday School I had to come out on account of ill health & every Sunday I went to the Chapel there was either one or another of the teachers asking when I intended to go back again in the finish they put my name down as gone back before I had & then told me that I was expected to teach the same class again so that they will not let me be idle mother is Chapel keeper again we gave it up after the Death of my Father She was not fit to go out to work

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so we asked her if she would take it again so that we could help her & she could be at home all the week to do the house work & be comfortable

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John Henry is a good lad & is very staid

I think he gets more like my Father
in is [i.e. his] ways he plays the Violin & we
have many a good sing in the evenings
when we are at home altogether [i.e. all together]. I think
Mother breaks fast the Carte as [i.e. has] been
taken 2 years it is like her in her
features though she is not so stout
Mother sends her kind love to you all
& hopes you are quite well hopes to
hear from you soon [crossed out: I sho] mother
would like one of my grandmother's
Carte's if you have got one. I send
my love to all of my Cousins

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& remain your loving Niece

Ann Elizabeth Rawson

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Leeds

Yorkshire

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