

I could sit down & cry for poor Samuel's fate
but am aware this would benefit neither — if wishing
would enrich him, he would have been rich long ago
but young says "wishing of all employments is the worst"
Adieu my Dearest Brother — believe me
as I really am *Yours affectionate Sister*
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To

M^r Holt

St. James's Street
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How true is Blair's assertion, that "Opportunity
lost is never regained" — you have heard that Sister
Jemima has paid us a visit this summer, she looked
very well & was in excellent spirits.

W. Hobson's Patcham, August 6th 1816

Thanks my Dear Brother for your fav^r,
of the 5th June I certainly was not aware of
the consequence of my request respecting Education
or I should not have made it for I was anxious
to hear from you, it was an age since you wrote
before, & was it possible I should really think you
had forgotten you have a Sister Martha one
who remembers your lessons & advice with
affection & gratitude I know the only proof
of this will be in the progress I make in the
correction of error I think I don't clearly compre-
hend your ideas on the Disposition for I flatter myself I am
disposed to do what is right at all times & that my errors
proceed from wrong judgement - but my dear Brother
perhaps my ideas are incorrect on this subject - will
you have the goodness to explain this to me? the
Society here are not accustomed to examine into
the propriety of their ideas and when I attempt to
combat what seems to be great errors I often exclaim
mentally I wish my Brother was here I think
he would convince them - I have another wish
too - which you my Brother have it in your
power to gratify I mean that you will favor
me with your epistles often - consider my
dear Brother, you will be assisting a fellow
traveller on in a journey that is beset by briars
& rolling stones in every direction -

Let me hear from you soon, don't let months elapse with

If my questions perplex you, don't try to reply
to them, write without. Some time ago
you advised me to study the Psalms I have
done so & can but admire many of them, but
there is one thing I don't like (perhaps because I
don't understand) David is continually praying
for the destruction of his enemies - why did he
not pray for their reformation more? this
appears to me to savour of an antichristian spirit.

I was surprised to hear Wm Coates had left
Thringland Road - am very glad you are
going on so comfortably. I remember Coates
well. I understand Mary Ann has paid you
a visit what impression has she left on your
mind, Brother of her Disposition & ideas?
your expression concerning little Wm Coates made
me laugh - a fine little fellow is the Brother
you must own yourself a novice in the art
of writing about Infants! I often, very often
picture to myself, my valued Brother, seated
in his arm chair with his books strewed all
over the Table & a few in the chair. Our favorite
Wm Tib sleeping on the rug at your feet - after
fatiguing yourself you hastily put your books
aside and take up your flute - is't not so Brother?
Mr. Hodson's eldest son a youth of 16 plays on the
flute but not so pleasingly as my Brother tho'
yet he often reminds me of you - when do you

intend to visit Luffex? never and more? I was told that
you passed this house twice since I have been an
inhabitant. I was also told your stay at Brighton
was exceedingly short, therefore I must excuse it, besides
as I could not remedy it, I may as well make light
of it tho' I hope it will not happen so again. I
do so much wish to see you down here - Oh! this
business! what pity it is, we cannot live without it!
how I should like you should realize the five thousand
per. Annum. you & I used to talk of - you must know
I take it for granted I should have a share in it.
I understand Brother, that Eliza Boorne is in
want of a situation - probably she has not mentioned
it to you - but perhaps Brother, you could meet
one for her in your Society or among
your acquaintance - I wish you could
poor girl, she sadly wants to get out.

I like Patcham upon the whole, very much;
these Dorons so & after my "day's work's over -
I frequently indulge in a solitary ramble
from Fitts to Trill, as free tho' not quite so gay as
the ^{Larks} which chaunt over my head - I have very
little opportunity of enlarging my ideas here, but
I endeavour to profit by those I have received &
often feel ashamed at the part I took in many
arguments I had with you & some others -