

of John's Janner's death - which seemed sudden to me. Dear Jan and Maggie have had some hard trials to bear, but I am glad to believe they have long known where to look for comfort. - I do not doubt that it is a trying circumstance to cousin Elizabeth S. Hopkins & others of his family, that William Scholfield should have withdrawn from Friends, and been baptized. His mother was such a firm & useful Elder, that I did not expect any of her children would so far forget her instructions. I fear many put too much dependence on this rite. One thing I know - water cannot wash away my sins. The Apostle says plainly, "The baptism which now saveth, is not the putting away the filth of the flesh, which we know water can do, but ^{the} answer of a good conscience toward God." But ^{it} is right to have charity for all. I consider the different Denominations as so many paths leading to the same blessed heaven, and that it is wrong to fall out by the way, and thereby miss that glorious consummation. - There seems no change for the better from all I hear in our Cousin Rachel Hopkins' condition. Poor, dear Cousin Lizzie! how