

Rev. 22<sup>d</sup> April 1859

Rev. J. A. Hill

Address.

Antioch April 1859

Const. April 19/59,

My dear Mr. Hill.

I cannot and need not  
tell you how grieved I felt to  
hear of the anxiety and affliction  
into which your whole household  
have been thrown by the  
sudden and dangerous illness  
of your niece. I heard of it  
as you appear from many  
other sources than from  
yourself, and all agree  
in sympathizing most deeply  
in your distress. I have

just seen the Queen's Messenger  
who brings me accounts from  
you up to the Friday, and  
I was very glad indeed to  
hear that an improvement  
had taken place. I indeed  
hope and pray that she  
may be restored to you in  
perfect health. - I am  
looking forward however with  
some degree of anxiety to  
your next accounts which  
you promise to send me.

Abbie laments in her last letter  
that there is no chance of her  
friend Bessie now being her  
Bridesmaid, to which she  
seems to have been looking  
forward with so much  
pleasure. I went to the  
Bretters to deliver a message  
and also to tell them the  
sad accounts I had just  
rec<sup>d</sup> from Arthur. I need  
not tell you that they join  
their sympathy to mine.

You will I know excuse  
a short letter when I tell  
you that I received no fewer  
than 24 letters by the last  
post from different places,  
and have to answer most  
of them at once. - I will  
therefore only add the expression  
of my kindest regards and  
sympathies to Mrs Hill, and  
ask you to believe me

Yours very sincerely  
Sidney Dowd

I send you the Bill of  $\text{gr}^{\text{e}}$  medicines  
receipted, having just rec<sup>d</sup> it -