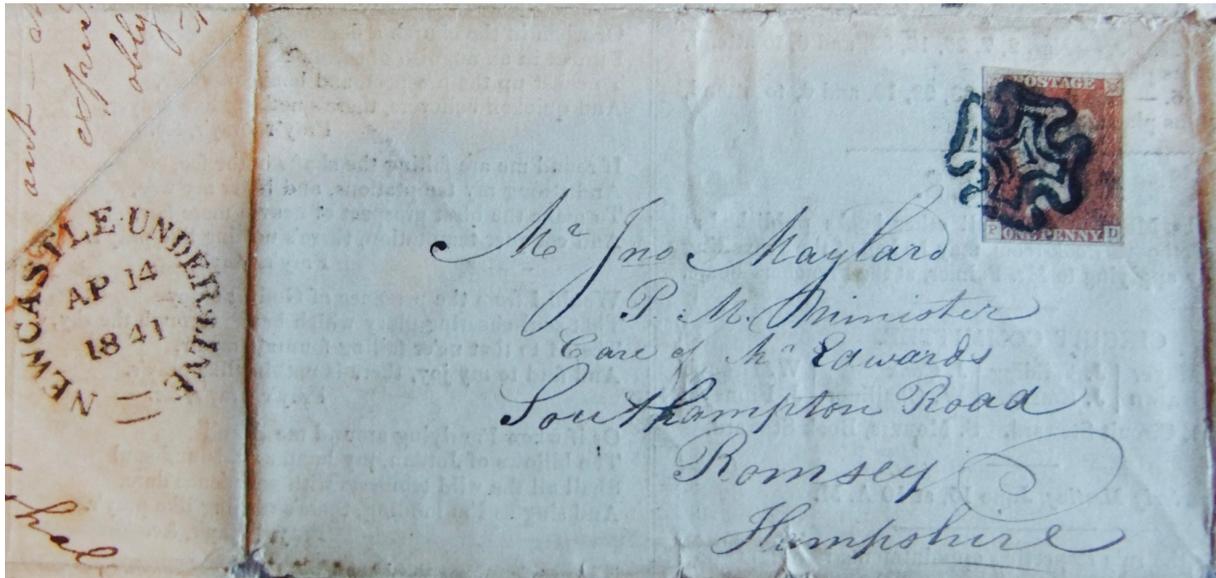


Transcription of a letter from Rev. W.E Saunders to Rev. John Maylard dated 13 April 1841.

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Newcastle u L April 13th

Dear Brother Maylard

Your welcome Letter came duly to hand and sight. Glad am I to hear from you as any time. Note John I hope you are well in body and growing in your soul and mightily prospering in your assurance under a King. How your crown will shine with stars John! Your labour will not be in vain. However cross with our feelings the breaking up work may be yes depend on it. It is the most laudable and fraught with honour. I do not envy you your Honour notwithstanding. Rather I feel for you and pray that you may mightily succeed and that Souls may indeed be saved.

I am happy that I have it in my power to state that our little circuit is doing well. We report an increase of 50 but since the account was taken we have had a goodly number join us in different places and school conversions – I am put down to stop again if they can get me – but I am informed Tunstall, Prees and Cwm are going to try for me. O John, how I sink into nothingness when I view my own unworthiness

And wish I the unbounded goodness of God so gloriously displayed in his Divine providence – To the all sufficiency of which I commend you. Begging an interest in your prayers and remain your affectionate brother in Christ.

W.E. Saunders

I received a letter from home this morning. My Father is rather poorly. Mother is out at Gaely but it is expected that she is tolerably well as my sisters also. They reside in Lant Mill and awaiting another situation in a Toll Gate as all the keepers in the Hereford Lane are turned and the gates being taken by a strongen who has brought keepers with him &c. My Father expected to live in Leominster District but where is not known.

I am enjoying good health and expecting to do better in spiritual things. I press towards the work while trusting in the all sufficiency of Jesus.

I shall be glad to hear from you again and to know how you get on.

I have heard from your Father. Please say in your next how your parents are.
Farewell

Transcriber's Note.

This letter was written whilst William Saunders and John Maylard were both young, single, probationary travelling preachers. They originated from the Herefordshire area and it is clear that they and their families were known to each other. It is interesting read how they encouraged each other in their ministry.

You can find pages on both John Maylard and William Saunders on this web-site.