

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1872.

Rec<sup>d</sup> Copies of "Christian Times" containing Pictures  
and Biographical Sketch of "Brother John" - very sorry that  
in sketching his life (that is the early part) they did not  
apply to "His Brother George" I think I could have  
given more particulars and guaranteed them all  
more reliable. No need then of "scoring" paragraphs -  
What I know of "Brother John"

My first recollection (I am fully 50 years old) here of John is on a Sunday  
morning after Mr. Roper's school was dismissed (we were then <sup>11:35</sup> all  
wearing of "livery") the moon had risen, and it was a lovely  
night. My Brother & Miss Nichol had walked home together  
with "Daddy" in the background. "Brother John" was behind  
and as they parted at the "Gate" he came up, dropped in his  
new suit (provided by "Mr. Miller of Pleasant Hill")  
invisible green with light brass buttons, "a Flunkie"  
He bowed to Miss Nichol, nodded to his mother, and took  
no notice of his "Brother George" I was pleased. He  
wheeled and ran, and the only thing that remains  
distinctly imbedded in my memory, is the shape  
of the "coat skirt" glancing in the moonlight. In my boyish  
days I had never seen anything "half so beautiful". It was  
not a "Long tailed Blue" by no means - but it was something  
between the "military" & the "militaristic" which convinced me that  
"Brother John" was on the "high Road to promotion"  
The next memory I have is of John as a "Weaver" having left  
Pleasant Hill he set to weaving in the village of "Danhead"  
and passed the season there. This time is to me a very