

9th Mo 2^d 1861

To Sarah Benjamin Walker

My Dear Daughter

Thy Mother with
myself rejoiced over thee at thy Birth
at the pledge of our mutual love and as
now thou art thyself soon likely to give
a similar pledge to thy beloved Husband
I cannot but do myself the pleasure of
conveying to thee the Chair which thy
very Dear Mother used at the time mentioned
above and also on other ^{similar} occasions when
her weakness required its use feeling
assured that had she been alive she would
have done what devolves upon me and I do
it the more cheerfully because I know thou
art aware what value I place upon it and
that thou wilt value it for its original
owner as well as coming from myself
on this the Tenth Anniversary of thy birth

Robert Mather to his daughter
Sarah who was wailing
the birth of her first child.

valued Mother's Funeral; and I have only
to add that my earnest wish for her My Daughter
is ~~as the~~ what the Dear grandfather Benson
prayed for the Mother previous to her confinement
with thee that G^d would grant that she
might be made the living Mother of a living
Child, so do I desire for thee.

I am Affectionately
Thy Father
Robert Mather.