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winterly one, and it has
been very fatal to the
old and sickly. You
will remember my father
and mothers great friend,
Robert Benson, of Lodge Lane
nr Liverpool. His eldest son Robert
was a merchant here, and lived
not far from this place. He was
the only old friend I had near me.
He was attacked with pleurisy
and died after 2 days illness on
the 12 Jany. His loss took us all
by surprise, for excepting short
attacks of gout, he enjoyed uniform
good health. About a month
ago my brother Charles' brother-in-
law John Smith Watson, died - he
was about 6 mos my senior.
Besides these we have lost
several friends and acquaintances
of more recent standing.

Louie will have told you that
for the present they are settled
in Pontardulais not far from
Swansea, where her husband
has some occupation, as
manager of some large
Iron Works. He seems to
enjoy the position, as it gives
him large influence over a
considerable number of
working people. You will
have noticed how London,
just now, is taken up with
the visit of Moody & Sankey
from your country. They ap-
pear to have wonderful in-
fluence over large audiences,
and to have been the means
in many of the towns in
the North of Great Good. My
wife has been 3 times to
hear them; and has been
surprised at the way in
which large crowds (as many
it is said on one or two occasions
as 20,000) ~~listen~~ were
riveted by them: but she
herself has been rather dis-