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My dear Friend
Geo to Walker.

It is now a considerable time since I rec'd a letter from thee, & I conclude that, like myself, thou art now too busily engaged to write long letters. This being the case, excuse a short one. I have just sent a small parcel of books for thee to the care of Thos. Cutton. Two copies of the Ex'ts. from my Journal, Sturge's Visit to the United States, 2 copies of a Memoir of Geo. Lougham & a few smaller matters, and by a prospectus enclosed with them, thou wilt see that I am anticipating the publication of A Narrative of a Visit to the Australian Colonies; which is intended to supersede another edition of the first five Nos. of the Ex'ts. from my Letters, or rather Journal, which was originally intended only for circulation in our own Society; and requires much revision. — Since my return I have kept much at home, and have been free from concerns to go out, except to the Yearly Meeting & a few neighbouring meetings on special occasions. — The Yearly Meeting was a very comfortable one. The business was conducted in much love and brotherly condescension. — Among the subjects of a special character that occupied the attention of the meeting was an address to the Queen against war. — In the Young of Ministers & Elders, Edwin Octavius Fegellis was liberated to visit the West India Islands, and Anna Perkins — a fr. from America, had an extension of religious liberty to visit those professing with

Friends in the south of France. We are expecting her
at our Quarterly Mtg. on the 29th inst. when J & M
Yeardley are likely to bring before us a concern for extensive
labour on the European Continent, for which they have
obtained a cert. from their Mo. Mg. (ie of Pickering.)
Celia Willcocks of our meeting & Sarah Squire are
in Ireland; and several friends are moving about in
England. In a few quarters there is still some unsettle-
ment, chiefly among those who stumble at the cross which
is to be taken up by the disciples of Christ. - Our
mutual Mr J & R Priestman have a trial in the want
of moral stability in their eldest son, who has forfeited his
membership. It is a very tender point with them. Perhaps
thou hadst best not mention it unless they allude to it
themselves. - They are much to be felt for, & find the trial hard
to endure. - Some time since my fr. Caleb Fletcher called
upon me with a person whose name I think was Sanderson
to inquire about emigrating to N. D. Land. C. S. then thought
him very respectable; but he has since had occasion to
form a different opinion of the man's character: he not
having made satisfactory arrangements for the paymt.
of his debts before leaving the country. I mentioned this
for thy caution. - I have had a pleasant account from
Isaac Hughes of our Grigua Town acquaintance: it is
dated "June 24th 1842", and they had just rec^d the parcel
we sent them in 1840! - They had been favoured with so
fine a rain that all their fountains were revived, a stream
1/2 ft wide was running in front of their houses; and the
whole valley had been filled with corn. They were nevertheless

intending to prosecute their plan of leading out the Maal Riv.
but at a point about a mile above the Goute Van Drift, where
it will be done cheaper than at the place first thought of.
I have also a good account from R Jennings of the Cape Town
School; which has now upwards of 100 pupils. - The ani-
mad versions on our comments (or rather on my comments) in
some things in *S Africa* had subsided. - Our fr^d Jas. Smith
was in poor health, & it was feared, likely to fall into a simi-
lar state to that which terminated poor Goodrick's life.
I have also lately rec^d. a Total Abstinence Report from
Sydney, sent by Messrs of a news-
totaler. - Wm Bush formerly ca-
is still working at Blackwall,
drawing nearer to Friends. - Aba-
rec^d. on the ground of announcement
Geo. Bennington will tell thee we
about thy affairs. I am raising a g-
amount of £1000 to protect him a
amount. This responsibility I sha-
from as soon as thou canst do without it. Some of the parties
lend the money at 5 p^{ct}. & others merely sign the Guarantee &
G.B. borrows the money at interest. -

With much love to all my dear friends in N. D. Land
and kind remembrance to many who would hardly come within
this range, I remain

Thy affectionate friend
Jas. Backhouse

My Sister Elizabeth who is sitting by desires her love

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