

" My dear friend.

" I know not what to say to thee; I have nothing
" to tell thee of but troubles: at present I have plenty of them. Yet I
" believe I can say, God is my strength and refuge, and a present
" help in every time of need. — Yesterday was the day of sale: only
" one lot was sold — my father stopped the sale: but I need not
" enter into particulars, as my father will, I doubt not, inform
" thee on that subject. I am yet very much fatigued — my hand
" trembles so that I can scarcely form my letters. Mary G. very kindly
" came to assist me, for which I felt much obliged to her; for I
" could not have gone into the parlour whilst so many persons were
" there, if they had not been attended to at all: but she did not
" mind; so I attended to things down-stairs and she up. — During the
" time of the sale, Raphael C. came and told me, that the farm was

" being given away: that the first lot was sold at 8/9 per acre, and the
 " next at 5/. I thought, then we are to be left destitute; for if it
 " is sold at that rate, the proceeds will not pay my father's debts.
 " I went and sat down in my bed-room, and when I had sat a
 " minute, I opened a little book, that was lying on the drawers,
 " at these words: "Casting all thy care upon him for he careth for thee."
 " I had no sooner read the passage, than I felt enabled to cast all
 " upon Him who knoweth what is best for us; and who afflicts his
 " children not for his own pleasure but for their profit.

" I was reading last night, Tersteegen's, 'On difference and advance-
 " ment in Godliness.' I never felt more of the Divine power accom-
 " panying any thing I ever read, than I experienced in reading that
 " paper. A measure of that Spirit that enabled him to write it,
 " filled my mind whilst reading it; and pointed that out which
 " was necessary for me to notice more particularly. I think I can say
 " that my earnest prayer is, that I may be enabled to devote myself
 " to God, wholly and entirely without any reserve. I cannot bear the
 " idea of serving him in a half-hearted, lukewarm manner; yet I
 " fear that is the way I do serve him. O do pray for me! Pray that
 " I may love him with all my mind, with all my soul, and with
 " all my strength. I am perfect weakness. I cannot think - I cannot
 " write - I cannot converse; and it is only now and then that I can

"read, so that I can remember what I have been ^{writing} reading: everything is
 "to me a perfect blank. It is a distressing situation to be in. I do not know
 "whether thou wilt be able to understand what I mean, from what I have
 "written; if thou canst I shall be glad." &c.

I have thus let thee know a little, my dear friend, of my dear P.'s
 exercises, which I believe are fully known to none but J. G. and myself,
 in the degree above described. I have no doubt they are intended to effect
 her further refinement, and to prepare her for usefulness. May the work
 continue to prosper on the wheel! I am glad to say, her poor father's
 affairs are temporarily settled. His creditors have entered into an ar-
 rangement by which he will have eight months to wind up his concerns
 and dispose of his property to the best advantage for their benefit and
 his own. The property is undoubtedly worth a great deal more than he
 owes. Two accredited land-valuers have estimated it by formal valu-
 ation on paper, about twice the amount; so that I hope the family
 may not be left quite destitute; but they are much to be felt for.

With regard to S. B. M. if my pecuniary circumstances allowed of
 it, I should at once apply to my own Monthly Meeting to allow the mar-
 riage to take place; for circumstanced as J. B. and I have been, living
 for months together in one place, and having to receive so many persons
 of all classes, we should be greatly helped by having one on whom we
 could depend, to look after our domestic concerns; and it would be

attended with little, if any more expense than boarding as we have done, even under the favourable circumstances we have experienced in Hobt. Town, which it may be difficult to realize again in an equal degree: and the more independent ground we stand upon the better, and the less we are connected with any sect or party not strictly our own the more likely we are to maintain free communication with serious enquiring persons, such as our service has been much amongst.

One of J. B. M's. discretion, and decided turn of mind, might be greatly helpful to us on these and other grounds. But under my present situation I see at present no way for moving in the matter. Time, and the good providence of our God, may make the way more plain.

Whatever steps I may eventually take, I design to move only with the concurrence of my friends here and in England. The Meeting for Sufferings have a right to expect this. And I trust they will also feel for my situation, and not either judge hardly of me with regard to the past, nor feel their confidence lessened with regard to the future.

I trust the Lord will preserve me in his holy fear, and from bringing reproach in any way on the Truth: My situation is a very novel and peculiar one, and I need to move only in his counsel.

Pray for me that this may be my experience; and that in whatsoever I do all may be done to his glory!

Thou mayst make such use of this communication as thy own

judgment may dictate: and if that part of the Meeting for Sufferings, which forms the Committee of Correspondence with J.B. should desire particulars, or should signify uneasiness at the communication conveyed in J.B.'s journal, No. 52, I have no objection to their seeing it. The thing that is right shrinks not from the light of noon-day. Only, in submitting such unreserved comments to the inspection of others, it should be those only who can rightly estimate motives and principles, and who may have some aptitude for apprehending the nature of the circumstances I have adverted to. With these suggestions, I will now bid thee, affectionately, Farewell!

From thy much attached friend,

George W. Walker.

Note to page 22. * This resemblance does not extend to health, or constitution, S. B. M.'s health having been uniformly good.

Note to page * If all be well, J.B. & I anticipate being present at the next yearly Meeting in V. D. Land. It is to take place in 12th Mo. 1835.