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My dear Dr.

J. B. Walker

As I have room in
thy Uncle J. B. Mather's en-
velope, I put in a few
lines to thee. We are always
interested in hearing from
thee, & in knowing a little
of your progress, tempo-
rarily as well as spiritu-
ally. It is quite a comfort
to believe that the things
which belong to eternal
life, have a place in thy
mind, and we gladly
hope a growing place.

In a box to thy uncle
J. B. Mather, I send thee
a copy of the life of Stephen
Grellet. — I trust there is
a growing appreciation of
the love of Christ, in the
Bootham School, as well as
in our meeting generally.
The meeting continues to
increase in size. There are
now more than 100 attenders
who are not members, and
our members are about 230.
They are much blessed with
the feeling of the overshadow-
ing of a divine influence,
and ministerial commun-
ications are frequent.

Our acknowledged ministers
are Caleb Williams, John Ford,
Frederick Thorpe, Mary Hustler,
Esther Smith, Sarah Rowntree
& myself, and we have also
communications from Wm
Wood, John Rowntree, Robert
Taylor, George Benson & Eliz.
Gurney Dinsdale, from some
of them not unfrequently.
Our dear old friend Sarah
Baker now lives at Thirk
and is quite laid by with the
infirmities of old age.
My sister Elizabeth is at Ack-
worth on a Quarterly Mgs.
Committee, which in de-
tachments has visited all
the meetings & families of
Friends in the Dy. Mgs.

If thou send a Wardian case,
or one is sent from the Gov^t
Garden, James would like
to have some roots of your
Oroseras put in! Perhaps
they would come pretty dry
in a bottle. The seeds of them
might also be sent in a letter,
particularly the shield & the
round, ^{leaved} peltate ones, which
grow in grassy or peaty pla-
ces.  They are covered
with glandular hairs, &
grow about 6 inches high.
We have now in addition to
our other houses for plants,
one with the glass in large
sheets level with the ground,
& with rocks like a glen, & into
which we descend by rustic
steps. Farewell. My love to
thy mother, Bro's & Sis.
Thy fr. aff. ty
Jo! Backhouse