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My dear Dr.

J. B. Walker,

I know thou wilt
be concerned to learn that
my sister Elizabeth has been
very unwell for several weeks
past. She desired that thou
might be written to last mo.
and a message of her dear
love sent; but various engage-
ments prevented. We hope
she is a little better now
than then; but she is still
thin & feeble. She rises after
breakfast & generally gets in
to the garden in the course
of the day. My sister Sarah
who is also an invalid, is
now stopping with us,
so that they are company

for each other; & they are
kindly waited on by our
niece Sarah Jane. — Thomas
& his wife, now live at
Middlebro: in a house Tho:
has built: he is prospering
with his iron-ship building,
his partner Railton Dixon is
also lately married. — I met Tho:
& Ellen lately at Darlington,
at the marriage of Maria
Jane Whitwell to Wm Lucas
of Hitchen. — My son Jas is
a little stronger than some-
times. Mary & the children
are nicely. Mary's great-aunt
Mabel Dipsley of Hull is de-
ceased at the advanced age
of 94. she was the mother of
Henry Dipsley, now on a
religious mission in India

Mary's father Isaac Robson
of Oudersfield expects to pay
a religious visit to the per-
sons in the north of Italy
who have separated from
the Church of Rome, in the
course of the summer: &
Isaac Sharp of Middlebro
accompanied by Garrison
Penry of Darlington, has sailed
for Greenland, on a religious
mission to the Moravian Sta-
tions of that frigid country.
John Ford sends his love to thee
he is looking more robust
than formerly. This is also the
case with Dielden Thorp, who
is attending the Manchester
meeting a few times on first-
days. — Our meeting continues
to increase in size. It is gene-
rally favoured with a sweet
sense of the Saviour's love, &
with a lively & encouraging

ministry. Among the men
whose voices we often hear
to our comfort in this service
is John Kitching, the Superin-
tendent of the Retreat.

I must conclude my letter,
my time for writing it
being spent. My love to my
Sassanian Friends, & to
thyself

Thy aff. att^{ch}
Jas Backhouse