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My dear P.

J. B. Walker

The main cause for my writing now is to tell thee that we have the comfort of seeing my sister Elizabeth improving in health and strength. She now gets into the dining room to dinner & tea, and walks several times round the garden in the course of the day. With one eye she sees a little, as as with care, to walk alone. In a good light, she sees a little of form & colour. Whether she will ever be able to use her pen again is still doubtful.

I have not retic'd from the school in winter. He is in good health & is just forming his canon. W. Sumner he visits to the meetings in York & My.

She is very patient and thankful; and we are all thankful that our Heavenly Father has granted her this measure of restoration, tho' we have felt that she and ourselves were in his hands, and that He would ordain what was best for us. —

My own vigour has given way considerably through age; but I am favoured to feel very peaceful in the love of myaviour, and do not doubt if He have more work for me He will give the needful strength for its performance. I am thankful

that when still, I have no feeling of itness, but in walking, I generally feel that I am under restraint. James is not vigorous tho' he reports improvement with his family, he is at present more independent. The other day, they had all been on Helvellyn, one of our higher English mountains, but not equal in elevation to your Mt. Worthington. —

My Nephew Thomas now lives at Redcar, finding that suit his health, & convenient for his business at Middlebro' he has now a daughter as well as a son. — Mr Pease has had tidings from Labrador, from

Isaac Sharp: he & his com-
panion, Edwin Pumphrey,
arrived there in 7th mo. and
were just commencing
their labours of love. - We
have good accounts of Jos^{ph}
Crosfield & J. B. Braithwaite.
the last 9 mo. & from Eskatoo-
sa, Iowa, where the Iowa Year-
ly Meeting was just commene-
ing. & where they had met my
old companion in Norway
in 1853. Lindley M. Hoag.

We are interested in thy tobacco
in the Working Men's Club, but
hope thou wilt seek help from God
to keep it in its right place so that
thou mayest not have to say, "They made
me a keeper of vineyards, but my own
vineyard have I not kept."

My sisters join me in the saluta-
tion of love to thyself & mother. Mine
also to thy uncle & my other Finnish
relatives. Mine of thy
J. Backhouse