

Walgate House, York
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My dear J B Walker

Thy letter of 9 mo. 23
to my sister & his^h reached
her on 11 mo. 10. She would
gladly have answered it
herself, but she has not
recovered her sight so as to
be able to write. She gets up
after breakfast, and is able
to go about the house & garden,
and both she & my sister
Sarah generally get down
to dinner & tea, but they spend
most of the day in the library
knitting or at some such occa-
sion, and my sister Sarah
reads, or my niece Sarah Jane
reads to them. My own health
continues much as for the last
year & a half, if anything a little

improved; but I have to take things easily, as an old man. I am thankful that I am able to do so, having done my day's work in the day time. This is indeed the happy portion of us all three; and we rest peacefully in our Saviour's love. I am the only one of the three able to get to meetings. I generally walk in a morning, & go in a cab in the evening. I cannot walk in the afternoon or evening. Our meetings are large, and we are blessed with much of the blessing of the divine presence in them, and with much gospel labours. The silence is very solemn and impressive. We cannot doubt that during its continuance most minds are reverently turned to the Lord; and the ministry is instructive, and the prayers & thanksgivings

are fervent and devout. We often hear the voices of Caleb Williams, H. Hipsley, J. Ford, Fielden Thorpe & Mr. W. Rowland also of Sarah Rowland, Abigail Young, Bimodale, Wm Wood & J. H. H. H. John Ford has now retired from his connexion with the school & thus set himself more at liberty for religious services. He has had some cold lately, but on the whole is in pretty good health. Dr. Williams has been too poorly to be at meeting lately: he suffers from rheumatism in one heel tryingly at night. Tho' Mary & Alice are nicely. Eliza Dumbrey much confined to the house. Mary Quibler & Esther Smith get out occasionally. My son J. is in improved health, Mary & their three children are well. Thomas & Ellen & their little son & daughter now live at Redcar, & Tho' goes to Middlebro. to business. - You will see by the

Friend that Isaac Sharp and
his companions have returned
from Labrador. We expect
Jos^{ph} Crossfield will embark
on return from Carolina & on
the 31st. inst. His visit to the
Friends & others on the coast of
the late war, has been deeply in-
teresting: his sympathy with them
in their suffering and desolation
has been greatly drawn upon.
The faithfulness with which they
have maintained a testimony
against war as unchristian, is
very striking & teaching; and it
has been very impressive to those
around them. I send thee an
Annual Monitor. It contains
an instructive account of
Esther Sachon, & notices & names
of some others whom thou wilt
remember. My Sister Elizth sends
her dear love & tells me to say we have
not rec^d. the carte of thy father. The sala-
tation of my love is also to thee & to
thy dear relations & to my Dear mannan
& ds generally.

Thine affly
H. A. Duckhouse