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My very dear James

It was my intention to have written by the last mail, but somehow I made a mistake, & found I was too late. Now I fancy my Brother wrote by it to my Uncle Joseph, I thought it was perhaps my uncle. I do not think that I have acknowledged my last very acceptable letter, & the last of my dear Mother which it was very interesting to my dear Mother to receive, I had been hoping to get the one of my Father then mentioned intending to send but as it has not arrived by the mail this month, I will not wait to write - are there any cards of thee? if thou hast a good one we should much like to have one, it is so nice to look over the books & see the faces of dear beloved ones it seems almost like a visit from them.

Some of us long that the art, had
been known before so that, we
might have had the pleasure of
seeing the likenesses of those gone
to their eternal rest, & I often think
how valuable they will be to those
who come after us. I think, perhaps
they would see if they could look
into our meeting, so many fresh faces,
& old ones gone, besides young ones
become older & taking important
positions, which is a great cause for
thankfulness. All the three Brethren
Rountree are settled in York, John
them with, having noticed as an ac-
knowledged minister, he has a wife
& two children, they live in one of
the killed houses near Dringhones,
John with his sweet little Julia she
live under the same roof with his
mother, tho' the houses are separate,
& Henry & Hunt live with their Mo-
ther the latter also having charge
of his late Brother Joseph's establish-
ment. Henry is a Cocoa manufacturer
all the three Brethren are much
interested in Schools, & in promoting

the well being of their fellow creatures.
I hope the efforts then mentioned as
being engaged in, are going on satis-
factorily, as long as you carry them
on with a single eye to the Glory of
God, however discouragements may
at times prevail, I think no doubt
a helping will attend them, but
in thus working for others, there are
especially it is that our own conduct
should present no stumbling block
how important that the Christian
should put on the whole armour of
God, then he will be enabled to stand
all the fiery darts of the enemy,
& to lead others to see the blessedness
of walking in the fear & love of
God. Gird thy heavenly armour on

Wear it due night & day,
Ambushed lies the evil one,
Watch & pray!

My dear Brother will have been
thronged his heart to being more feeble,
I hope however that he is a little
better, but he is now much at home
& seldom goes out, except in a cult to
meetings after dinner, but by being

These quiet he seems to be able to ward
off the spasms at his chest, and are
ready to hope with warmer wea-
ther the more he better, my Sister
continues much of an invalid, just
now suffering from pain in her
face, probably the effect of the cold
weather we have had of late,
it has been very stormy, in many
places much snow, we have had
a good deal, but this morning it
has pretty much disappeared, the
snowdrops are again lifting up
their heads; many persons are
suffering from cold, my Sister Sarah
Jane or I have escaped, but this
troublesome time has not kept
me entirely indoors, Sarah Jane
hopes to be well enough to go some-
where along with Thomas whom
we expect tonight, to attend the
interment of their Aunt Eliza ^{the best}
who has been long suffering from
a cancerous tumour, which has
recently become rapidly worse.

How will like to know that we
have another little boy at West Point
born on the 5th of this month, I expect

he will be named William, dear
Mary has recovered very nicely
& the child seems a very healthy
one, James, I think upon the whole
is better, & looks rather stout,
Tommy Williams continues to be
quite unimpaired from a rheumatic
affection, she is able to get very little
out, Mary Anna is a very useful
executive person, much employed
in our various charities. They
all wished me to give their dear
love when I wrote, as did also
Thomas & Mary Ellis, the latter
I am sorry to say is far from
well, & at her advanced age one
cannot but be concerned about
her, but she has been so active
& energetic that one can scarcely
fancy that she is nearly eighty.
Mr. Ellis has been rather better
this winter, but like many thus
of us shows the advance of age.
John Ford then would see looking
considerably stouter, but he has
been troubled with a cough for
some time past.

24th The Thomas lodged here last night, & has just gone with his sister to Malton, where their Aunt, Denby, has resided since the death of her father, they both desire their dear love, Mr. P. says I ought to have written to them but if he will write to me, then perhaps I shall get a letter written to him, but he is no great hand at writing letters but on business, he seems very busy, & has to be at home again tonight, as all the work people are in an unsettled state, the masters in the road have having given notice, that of the new road out, on stroke in Staffordshire do not go on, in another week, the furnaces all over the Kingdom will be put out & the works suspended, the workmen in this land, have become so very arbitrary, that the trades unions that there seems no alternative, it seems unreasonable that they should have the high wages now

that they had when they had very high wages, besides when it is found that those who are in work are entirely supporting those who are out, & there, they have more than enough for their own maintenance. So there are difficulties to contend with in every land!

We have been a little hopeful that ^{the news} signs of the fearful war in America, was coming to an end, but the last accounts seem to show that the cloud of war & darkness is still over that country, yet it is somewhat encouraging even to have some conferences on the subject of peace, but I fear neither side have yet seen the sinquity of their proceedings, & are yet to reap the bitter fruits of slavery. We have interesting accounts of the labors of many of our friends, along with others amongst the freed men, who despite of their sufferings and privations, rejoice in their liberty & make great efforts to support themselves, to learn to read their Bibles.

Mr. and Mrs. very good accounts of dear
B. Lockhart, that he recently feels the
loss of his dear wife, his son Benjⁿ
is married, & B. & Miss with Anne,
or rather they with him, which
seems a very comfortable arrange-
ment. B. & S. is very busily occupied
with the life of W. Foster, which
he expects shortly to be ready, as
it is now in the printers hands.
Josiah Foster gets feeble but still
very energetic, his Brother Robert
has given away much more, at
least mentally, their sisters are
bright & still usefully employed.

We hear little of the Newcastle
friends the Price women, but I ex-
pect one of the young women is
with her Aunt, Esther at Matton
she having been ill lately.

With much love in which my
Brother & Sister unite believe me
they are affectionate friends
Ely - Warhouse