

See how you are! 1861

My dear sister  
I have been thinking  
of you very much  
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ever since coming to write to them  
from this place, I get up this morning  
with the full intention of putting the  
in post, & now I am just finishing  
my very acceptable letter of 5<sup>th</sup> mo 22<sup>nd</sup>  
I am still more inclined to do so.  
I have not been here since then and  
one of our party eight years ago, & then  
my belief that there has been brought  
very much to remembrance, & she  
has talked about that time, but  
then with which to remember who was  
at, & such smaller company as  
namely, my sister, Sarah Jane, my  
sister Nancy, & the little girls  
& myself, we were in the house with  
the house, we occupied when then  
went with us, having a very sim-  
ilar name from our pleasant, how  
in a word, I have been here about  
two days, & shall probably remain  
at least longer, the little girls be-  
travelling as far as York with me  
my sister & Sarah Jane will probably

to remain two weeks longer. Thomas is  
having a tour in the Continent, joining  
leave of absence for three months, he  
is accompanied by a gentleman who  
is Master of the School of Design at  
Dartington, & they expect to do a good  
deal in the way of sketching, but  
Thomas had been laid up with an  
attack of asthma at Norwich, which  
was both very long & severe, as it is  
so long since he had any thing of the  
kind that we were ready to hope he  
had overcome the tendency, however  
he does much better, tho' not quite well,  
& had been able to go forward, but still  
continues in the Bath, & it is probable  
he is at least for some time to come,  
he will be one & a half by next month.

There are several of our relations at  
present in my late Cousin's Bathing  
house, but it is hoped some of them  
may arrive before long, tho' home  
looks very dull without them, I've  
greatly miss'd our beloved Cousins Edw.  
& Mary Buckham. Edw. R. Morsey  
is in the Bath at Sunderland and  
John Wilford with his Father, I think  
in the coal trade. There are however  
several friends here, so that we have  
nearly about twenty at meetings, on 1<sup>st</sup> day

morning, but 1<sup>st</sup> day evening, must be  
not, that we were idly saying, but  
were favour'd to witness the fulfil-  
ment of the declaration which two or  
three are met together in my name  
there and I in the midst. The  
weather upon the whole has been  
favourable since we came here, in  
deed so far we have had a very fine  
summer, but very different from the  
last, tho' it is not a good fruit year,  
partly from lack of good cold & frost, &  
partly I suppose from the severe  
winter, however there seems a pretty  
good supply of fruit here, as a good  
deal is brought by the Steamers from  
Karrington to Hartlepool, I should  
have said that berries have been  
a most plentiful crop, I never saw  
them in greater quantities than there  
were before I left home.

I think I have not written to  
you since our little baby arrived  
at Wash, tho' he has been rather  
a delicate little fellow, but I have  
a better account of him to day, he  
is about three months <sup>young</sup> old, his Father  
who is nearly gone, is delighted with  
him, I was amused by the anxiety  
there was raised about his name,  
every one wishing him to be called

James, so this is his name, & I hope  
he will be a worthy follower of so  
many who have borne that honorable  
name. The week before I left from  
my Brother sent of the book they make  
W<sup>m</sup> Weather, which I hope will be  
commended from London soon, in the  
top there is a copy of the interesting  
Memoirs of Stephen Gullott, which  
I send for thy acceptance, if thou  
hast leisure, read both by Friends  
& others in this land, & in America,  
the first edition was quickly dis-  
posed of, & the second is nearly so.

We are interested in hearing of your  
reading Meetings, I believe they have  
been very useful in this Country,  
& the yearly Meeting afforded a mi-  
nute opportunity to the serious  
consideration of Friends in the different  
meetings the consideration of the sub-  
ject, there was a very interesting  
Meeting held after the General Meet-  
ing at Askwith, when several things  
of the of the manner they had been  
conducted in their Meetings, which  
showed that they differently conducted

They had been found to be editing  
a constitution. The General Meeting  
was very largely attended, more  
so than had been before known,  
it was a very interesting time  
there will probably be great changes  
before another takes place our dear  
friend Thomas Humphrey having  
resigned the Superintendant's situation  
of his state of health, I believe there  
are several applications for the sit-  
uation, but it is not yet concluded who  
it is to be his successor and should all  
feel sorry to part with Humphrey  
but his health seems to require it,  
& he intends to remain at present  
in the village — I hope before  
long we shall hear of the arrival  
of Mr & Mrs Lindsey, it is now  
about the time they spoke of, their  
second Daughter is waiting the arri-  
val of her Parents, before she is  
married, I thought the young man  
married, but he appeared an agreeable  
person. I think he lives at Birmingham  
I do not think we should much of  
interest going on at York, I suppose  
there will be a great concourse of  
people there today to see the celebra-  
tion

Blowdown performed but beats, which  
I certainly should not, like to witness  
There certainly seems something very  
singular in any one doing such  
daring things, & if only any good and  
inspired there would be a motive,  
but there seems none. How will  
see by the papers the account of the  
terrible fire in London, it is described  
as a scene of terrific grandeur, but  
the loss of property is immense, and  
at one time it appeared likely to be  
still greater, it must very soon that  
good Mr. Anderson should lose his life  
in his endeavours to help his men.

How very sad is the state of things  
in America! we feel much for the  
members of our Society, who live in  
the parts where non-resistance is  
declared; but it is our constant pleasure  
that friends in North Carolina have  
been exempted from military service.  
It is indeed sad to see those long  
people calling themselves Christians  
are in pursuing the beautiful and  
glorious announcement of peace on  
earth, good will towards men, it  
seems strange that they are even  
blinded as regards the pecuniary loss

There is considerable anxiety in this  
country respecting the supply of  
cotton, which should this be the state  
of things continue in America  
is expected to be very short, so that  
the Manchester merchants are on  
the look out for places where further  
supply can be obtained. A letter from  
Penny Jones, mentions their going  
to a black gentleman in Florida the  
South <sup>Florida</sup> thinking ten with several West  
Indians, the says he seems a most sensible  
intelligent man, in spite of his black  
skin & woolly hair, the says the coun-  
try is quite an extensive unaltered  
as a rule I believe a number of  
cities enclosed by a wall, with  
upwards of 100,000 inhabitants &  
3 or 4000 Christians, that Chris-  
tianity is rapidly gaining ground  
there. We have been doing what  
we can in Manchester to aid the  
cotton growing cause, & have got  
2 or 300 £ from the Committee  
for the building of 2 bridges  
which will greatly help in the trans-  
port of the interior, which has

hitherto were performed by other  
Women carrying <sup>on</sup> their heads, the  
halest of our circles God?

I did not hear anything of the  
Hostens when we were in London  
but they might be there, it is so  
difficult to find people, but, I think  
my Brother would have heard of them.

I saw Sarah Robinson several  
times, she was at that time staying  
with the Misses of Waddington, but  
I was not too well intending to go  
for some time into I should think  
her friends. I was much interested  
in being at the examinations, both  
my two nephews performed very well.

Fanny Willmott still continues  
much pleased with the education  
affection in her feet, but they hope  
it is improving, Mary lived the  
same time for some time at Abbey.  
They frequently inquire if I have  
heard from the other messengers  
I had as does Thomas Miss Gandy  
My sister Sarah Jane writes me  
as often with the usual I have  
to the West House  
and love also to the Mother

## THE REFINER OF SILVER.

### A Scriptural Anecdote.

SOME months ago, a few Ladies, who met together in Dublin to read the Scriptures and make them the subject of Conversation, were reading the III. CHAP. OF MALACHI. One of the Ladies gave it as her opinion that the Fuller's Soap and the Refiner of Silver, were the same image, both intended to convey the same view of the sanctifying influence of the grace of Christ, while another observed,—there is something remarkable in the expression in the *third verse*,—

“HE SHALL SIT AS A REFINER AND PURIFIER OF SILVER.”

They agreed that possibly it might be so, and one of the Ladies promised to call on a Silver-smith, and report to them what he said on the subject. She went accordingly, and without telling him the object of her errand, begged to know from him the process of refining silver, which he fully described to her. “But, sir,” said she, “do you sit while the work of refining is going on?” “Oh, yes, madam,” replied the Silver-smith, “I must sit with my eye steadily fixed on the furnace, for if the time necessary for refining be exceeded in the slightest degree the silver is sure to be injured.” At once she saw the beauty, and the comfort too, of the expression—“He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.”

Christ sees it needful to put his children into the furnace; but he is seated by the side of it, his eye is steadily intent on the work of purifying, and his wisdom and love are both engaged in the best manner for them. Their trials do not come at random; the very hairs of their head are all numbered. As the lady was leaving the shop, the silver-smith called her back, and said he had still further to mention that he only knew when the process of purifying was complete, by seeing his own image reflected in the silver. BEAUTIFUL FIGURE! WHEN CHRIST SEES HIS OWN IMAGE IN HIS PEOPLE, HIS WORK OF PURIFYING IS ACCOMPLISHED.