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My very dear James

I felt quite surpris'd upon receiving thy very acceptable letter of 20th of 9th mo. this day past, to find it acknowledged the receipt of my letter written from Seaton, it really seem'd to mark me out Paul Pellmans Land, as we use to call it, much nearer than it near when my dear Mother receiv'd thee when we ⁱⁿ seldom shou'd be in each other's way, & what a change we old people are bound to wonder what the next half century will produce, How do's Mr. Newton thy Mother's health, so we are inclin'd to hope he has quite recover'd our family are all well, slight colds excepted, which the present damp weather is likely to produce, & we have a prospect of a great deal of water out in the fields on the opposite side of the sove. Here

in the Fresh day School. Clothing Club
is, in this day, there seems plenty
of employ ment, God ale who wish
to work. We have a Bible read
ing meeting here, held in the Amala
meeting house once a fortnight
it seems well attended, & many
of our friends take part in it.
I have only been at one, Sunday
it lasted a long week's practice.
Early in the evening, I do not like
walking in the dark, tho' we
have some gas lights were at
the meeting. John Ford takes much
interest in these gatherings, as
does also my Brother Leonard W.
At the play, I thought, I'd venture to
Educator W. Goodie is the at
School, & does not leave before
midsummer, he is a nice youth,
he goes with one of the teachers
Thomas Walton, to the Fresh day
School, which he seems to enjoy
his brother George is also a very
nice boy, & John Tindale a clever
lad, nobody at the top of the school
tho' there are twenty four boys older

There has not been rain to account
for so much flood in the river,
but ten days ago there was a
considerable fall of snow in the
hilly parts of the County, & I suppose
the melting of this must be the
cause. We have had very stormy
weather, there has been bad loss
both of life & shipping on the coast,
three weeks ago at Scares, a ship
was in great danger, & in the attempt
of the life boat to save the crew
several of the men were washed
out of the boat, two were drowned
& three persons who attempted their
rescue, close by the ship. The waves
were so tremendous that they broke
some of the barrels going down
to the place where the water is
drunk; my niece Jane Eliza
says it was a most awful sight,
one which she shall never forget.
I forgot to mention I told thee that
Jane Eliza was likely to be married
next summer to Mr Simpson who
formerly was here as a bookseller,
we expect he will come in a week

or two to pay us a visit, she is
at Leeds as bridesmaid to a friend
of hers who has married a son of
John Wilson. My dear Sister
has been paying her autumn
visit, she returned home the
day before yesterday, I think
on the whole she is in rather better
health, than is when she does not
speak herself much, but a little
extra fatigue quite knocks her
up, she wishes her dear love to
be given to her. Thomas greatly
enjoyed his tour on the Continent,
his journey so long & holy day, was
considered quite a favour. I do
not at all know what his plans
for the future are, if he has family
any, at present he remains in the
Bank at Darlington, & it will not
be likely to be a disadvantage to
him should he continue there a
year or two longer, than would not
recognize the tale man he has
grown, I should think he is not
far short of six feet, which Sarah
Jane has not even reached my
height, she takes an active part