

To Phoebe Price (later Mrs Benjamin Longmore) from O. Farwell, a Quaker

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My Dear very Dear Sister

L. 14/1

It gives ^{me} great trouble to think of ^{your} Being so disappointed in not rec^{ing} a Letter. But the reason was that I expected to see my Brother Lane last Saturday to hear Mr. Hill & then I intended to send a packet of Letter by him which would save the expence of carriage. But as it was, I met with agreeable a disappointment as you. I rec^{ed} your kind & welcome present & return you sincere thanks for it. I trust they all proceed from that respect which my Dr Sister owes to her Dear Master may He return it into her Bosom a thousand fold true. I was in full expectations of hearing from you this night as you mentioned in your note with the present that you had a deal to say to me. But had not time then, hope to ~~have~~ ^{see} it next week God willing. I have likewise a deal to say to you. But time will not now permit hope to send it next week. I have wrote to Mr. Longmore my mind concerning some things should be glad to know how she takes it.

I am very sorry I cannot write to my poor Sister as time will not permit. remembers my kind love to her & I should be glad to hear from her next time with great joy & hope I shall be unable to answer them. Be so kind as let Miss P do know. I am waiting & have been some time for an answer to my letter that I ^{may} send her another.

I hope my Dr will excuse it I conclude & defer the execution of my subject till next time may the Lord bless you & keep you near to himself & watch you diligently

I build you up in ^{a dependence of} his fear & love that you glorify him
here & below & perfectly above this is the earnest prayer
of your poor unworthy Brother in X W H

Salop

Thursday Night
May 2-76

Wm Price

Edmunds

My Dear Sister

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The reception of your kind favour ^{gave} me unspeakable pleasure & satisfaction. Tho' I had began to indulge one or 2 bad thoughts When Mrs. Appender brought me never a letter from you. O what are we made of, for my part I know not what to express had enough of his will for us that shed Blood of a cleanseth from all sin or else what would become of us. Your neglect in writing by the little parson fully satisfied me & my neglect in answering it immediately was occasioned by the want of time & therefore I hope you will excuse it. Neither will my time permit me say all that I should like now. But I rejoice at the thought of seeing ^{you} soon & with all my dear Friends if the Lord please I may be condescende to bless our interview & give us many pledges of His precious love together. I know it is my dear Sisters desire not to discover the least of their own spirit, & therefore shall attribute all that I perceive to the weakness of the flesh (from my own experience) ^{that} she may receive more & more of the spirit of her dear Master. I hope this will be your constant prayer in Behalf of your very unworthy Brother, who has nothing to ~~plea~~ plead for his Absence from Hell this moment but the everlasting love of God Displayed through the Blood & Righteousness of the Incarnate Jesus O thanks be to God for Christs sake Amen. I think I know a little what it is to experience the value of His atonement from a consciousness of my base vileness. Those words in the psalms are sweet at times. Mercy good Lord mercy I ask
This is the total sum. / For mercy Lord is all.

~~My dear friend~~ My time obliges me to Devise
for the present till the next opportunity, it is my constant
prayer that the best of Blessings may abound towards you thro
the powerful influences of the Eternal Spirit & that you may
be more & more instrumental in promoting the glory of your gracious
Lord. I trust this is constantly yours for
your poor unworthy Brother in X
My kind Love to each of my dear friends to my dear sister
in particular. & please to write to me next week if you can
J. Farwell

Wm. Farwell
J. Farwell

Dear Sister

L. 14/3

About a quarter of an hour ago I was most agreeably surprised by a fresh token of my d^r. Miss Pices kindness as she means of conveying an outward ~~message~~ ^{Blessing} from the hands of my ^{kind} tender Father. I am very thankful I have the privilege of trusting to one (to return a suitable Blessing) who is endow'd with all possible power ability will & love to perform it. May He return it a thousand fold into your Bosom. Amen. You are I doubt not desirous to know how affairs are with me I have the happiness to inform you I am more comfortable in my mind for this fortnight past, than I have been for some time & want for nothing at all but the blessing of God. Shall I be disappointed! no, He is faithful who hath promised who also will do it. O! what Love to such an Ungrateful wretch. I am left in wonder, God help me to live to his glory, O if I could how happy should I be. this his blessing I wait to receive from my dear Lord may it be conferr'd ^{in a most ample manner} upon my d^r. friend & her unworthy Brother in the dear Jesus W H

I just this minute rec^d. my sisters Betseys letter. joyful news
may God accept a praise for it & carry on the work with power
I hope to write to her next week & Mr. Cooper & W^m Watson ^{Amen}
& all my thoo^d. friends in general who expect to hear from
me if I know them. hope you will excuse the shortness of
my letter as I am to write to is society, & expect a longer next
time. Remember my kindest respects to each of them
& tell them I pray they may partake of richest of Gods blessings
I am intimately acquainted with Mr. Winter & Mrs. Sanders
as she very often at our house & she first slept here last
night & parted with them this Evening in hopes of seeing
this day fortnight God willing

I have the privilege of hearing Farewell the Lord be to you
Mr. Decourcy when I please, God grant it may prove a blessing ^{Amen}
I hope ^{or J. Roberts} you will inform all my friends of the particulars
which I have wrote to relating to my experience

Miss Price

Thoo^d

Dear Sister _____ ^{L. 14. 4} ~~at night~~ ^{at night} Tuesday 10th Feb 1844
I have just now rec^d. your kind favour & have just time
enough to send you a few lines in Return. I acknowledge
my self in a fault concerning my to ref^r. an^ques concern^g
-ing Mr. Dr. B^r. James. But my memory is treacherous
He knows, therefore I hope He will forget it. In regard to
writing to my friends at H^l. I hope very soon to accomp^l
-ish it. But am rather fearful I shall not have time
to send to the society in general this week as my time is
so very much taken up. I am glad to hear that I shall
rec^v. my cloaths this week if possible & shall be in full ex^{pec}
-tation of a few lines from H^l. O. the thoughts of that
affords unspeakable pleasure may I not be disappointed
My soul is ⁱⁿ some measure more comfortable than when I
wrote before. Blessed be God for it Amen. Late Saturday
had a pleasing interview wth my Dr. Brother Andrew. Let
God be praised for this in particular ^{by all of you} & found him to be a
man after my own heart. O how the Lord deals wth such
a rebellious wretch. O what Love may He give me a thankful
Heart. He came from Chester & his Name is Jefferys a
Dear welshman He has He has preached a number of times

& goes by the Name of a Methodist & I have reason to believe
he is one at heart. I hope a public thanksgiving will be offered
to God for it. He is 12 years old in grace & a dear humble lively soul
he is, continually spiritual many a sweet happy moment
have we enjoyed at the throne of grace together thanks to God for it.
He longs to see my dear friends & prays heartily for them his
kind respects to you all & hopes if it is the Lord's will to see you
in time. I am now brought a little to myself (to know to) that
through much tribulation we must enter into the kingdom of heaven
it's the right way therefore the best way may God lead me in it
if it be for His glory & keep down my own stubborn proud
preference will. It is three trials which work out for us a far more
exceeding & eternal weight of glory. Well blessed be God for
are heavy there is a time ~~when~~ commencing when ~~there will be~~
a combat period will be put to them
O glorious hour! O blessed abode, I shall be near & like my God.
Nor flesh nor sin no more controul. The ~~pleasures of~~ ^{heavenly} pleasures of a soul
Therefore let us comfort our selves one another in these words & is God
keep us safe unto that time from discouraging is precious plans for the soul
I am heartily glad to hear of My dear sister's persevering in the way. O
may God follow on the work to power till its completion in glory Amen
I wait to hear from Her, hope I shall not wait long. Like you I
must now think of concluding and have much of business to learn
by of in morning. Please to remember my best respects to all my dear
every dear friend in particular to W. & M. Williams & M. Roberts
Wm. Cooper as I have me great friendship

And now my dear sister may it please God the God of Israel confer
the choicest of His blessings upon you & all my dear friends
for the sake of His dear Son Jesus Christ Amen & Amen
& may the same rest in the heart of your poor unworthy

friend in Christ W. H.

If I have neglected to mention any thing in particular you
wanted to hear please to remind me of it in your letter next
Thursday morning

Miss Price
Aunt

Not with nor in no more controul. The ^{unending} pleasures of it
Therefore let us comfort ourselves one another in their words &
keep us safe unto that time from discerning is precious thanks
I am heartily glad to hear of Mr. D. Totten's persevering in the work
may God follow on the work to power till its completion in glory
I wait to hear from Her. hope I shall not wait long. God
must how think of concluding as I have much of summer to be
locked. Please to remember my best respects to all in
by of in y evening. Please to remember my best respects to all in
very dear friends in particular to Mrs. Wm. Williams & Mr. C. M.
Ward. God bless you all. I have no great things to write

Dear Very Dear. Mabel

L. 74/5

I have the happiness to inform you, that through the rich & tender
goodness of my God towards, & inful me I am arrived safe to Calcutta ^{6 o'clock} & little after
& but very little tired. Blessed be God for it. The first sight of my
habitation struck me in some measure. But when I had entered the great
Iron Gates & came to the Hall Door. The lifting up of the rapper emitted
a deep groan. But enough of this at present. I doubtless shall have
something of greater importance to inform you of soon. I am, & have been
comfortable in my own soul. Blessed for ever. Blessed be my D^r Lord for it
Q. I long to have ^{more} the presence of my Dear Jesus & when I shall be happy
well I'm not left altogether without hope for I have your privilege
the immovable word of my God to trust too. O may He give us both
faith to rest upon it for the comfort of our poor souls & glory of His
eternal Name Amen & Amen

W. Gentleman is very poorly with a violent cold. My sister
Brother is not yett come but is expected next week Q. that
it may be a real one in the dear Jesus Amen.

It is now ten o'clock & my poor weary head wants some rest
so I shall take the liberty of going to bed therefore excuse a long
epistle. I long to know how you & my D^r Brother Roberts this.
& all my D^r very, very, very, very, very, very, D^r God. Friends.
And O, my Dear P. pray for me & I beseech you to desire them
all to remember me earnestly at the throne of Grace & may God
answer them in the dear Jesus Amen & Amen. But there is one
thing I had almost forgot to acquaint you of. When I came in there was
a little congregation gathered together & My master was reading in a
most solemn manner & that with the singing was sweet to me. There was
be a fresh praise now. O ^{my friends} I could now spend an hour in pray-
ing. Blessed Blessed Blessed over Blessed be my God. praise for
me my dear sister & God with her you O what a wretch I am that
I praise Him as little as the Lord's freedom. Amen

Be so kind as to acquaint all inquiring friends of the kindness of God towards
poor sinful me.

And now I must depart. The Lord Bless you
my D^r very D^r Sister with richest & choicest of his blessings for all your
unmerited kindness. I hope I shall never forget it & Bless the soul of one
who cheerfully subscribes himself your affectionate Brother
in the dear & loving Jesus

P. Remember my kindest respects to all my D^r friends W. B. P.
Excuse for me that I might be going to see Mr. Bowen &
for I could not any how comfort myself. Farewell let me hear from you
soon —

Wm. B. P.
Your Brother
Wm. B. P.

My Dear very D. Sister

L. 14/6

I received your kind favour ^{with} inexpressible pleasure. 29th
But when I saw the contents of it, my soul was thrown
into ^{such} ecstasies of joy, that, Better experienced than express.
O! It was Glorious News. It was the best news I thought
that ever I heard in my life. What cannot the Lord Do, I
hope now He has heard my poor petitions for her. Blessed
Blessed. Praise. Praise. be His Name for the least
appearance of a good work. O may He carry on in spite of men
or Devils. And I earnestly pray it may ^{it} ^{be} the
complete salvation of Her precious soul, & the glory
of His Eternal Name through Jesus Christ Amen.
Well my Dear P. How is it with your soul. Thirsting after
Jesus; Blessed be God for it. O may this thirsting be continuous
& increased till you have found the satisfying blessings
that are contained in the covenant of grace, & communicated
through the golden pipes of the promises of a faithful God.
As I have told you before, so I tell you now what ever your
wants are there is more than a sufficiency in the Blessed
Jesus to supply them all, freely purchased, freely offered to
the most unworthy, if you belong to this class come & receive
there is none more welcome O what a privilege, can a
seraph describe the value of it; No none but God. for

God only know the Love of God in its perfect Nature.

Praised be His Name, if He has given us to taste a little of it
O may this little (in comparison to that which dwells in Him)
(the great incomprehensible so in known Nature) be completed
in the full fruition of it. Through an endless Eternity
There shall we see His face. } Freer from the rivers of His grace
And never never. } Drink Endless pleasures in.

But you are waiting to know my trials that you may
have a part to me (if worthy) pray my God let me have
none of your. Alas, worthiness is utterly excluded, for I desire
as much to have a part with you, as any I must. (Hill I say
to my God, if I counted worthy) I may to greater propriety
if worthiness was connected with it. But as it is not I
hope we have given it ^{now} an effectual blow that it may never
rise again. Be not offended it's all well now my. My trial
With the greatest pleasure I shall communicate to you &
justly expect they came from you, & hope we shall be enabled
to carry them for each other to the throne of grace. They are
not at present so great as I suspected (let God have all the praise
for it) Those things which were pointed out beforehand such
as a polite congregation visiting general company &c
that of worthiness ^{are false} the great trial & experience at present is to become
a child again. And in keeping to close an adherence to my
scripture, even to the neglect of my Bible & other good Books I
always think I am losing ^{God's time} when I am not pursuing my gram-
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But these are temptations which I hope the promised
grace of my God will conquer for me. I beg the prayers of my
Dr. Hill's friends on this account. One great privilege in
my becoming a child again is that I can be free in all things
which has an attendance to shake off all fear. He behaves in
one respect like a father in another like a ^{equal} Brother & in all
like a real friend I can be just as free in Him as I please
But words cannot express the kindness which I receive from
Him & His Partner in life also. I esteem it a great happiness
may the Lord accept a praise for it. The first sermon I heard
Him preach was as faithful a Doctrine all powerful doing
as ever I would wish to hear from those words of the Ap. I tell
Hill shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation. He spoke
a deal without Book. And Oh how sweetly did He speak of
the greatness of the salvation & of the sweet blessings which
were contained in it & derived from it unto poor sinners.
It was as different as light from darkness to that which he
preach at Hill. But don't let all the people know they or
else there will be envying. I heard Mr. Deane last night
& this was a sweet discourse from pl. And being knit together
in love unto the full assurance of understanding of the mystery
of God & of Christ. But I can't say it was quite as sweet
to me as Mr. Hill's. there was rather too much stiffness & accuracy
in the delivering of it. But upon the whole it was a profitable
sermon & full of comfort to many a poor soul. I doubt not
that God be for the Gospel wherever it is preached & by whom it

is preached I would rejoice yet I will rejoice. O I beg we may not
only be orthodox in our notions but receive the Ingrafted ^{word} with
meekness in our hearts so that it may bring forth fruit in
our lives to the honour & glory of God Amen & Amen.

I have about 3 hours ago received my Book ~~in your kind~~
kind present. I return you for that every other instance of the
like 10,000. Thanks may God reward ^{you} for them. I cannot recom-
pence you (But if I don to a view to His glory) you shall be
recompenced at the resurrection of the just. I know not how to
express my gratitude in words But let my actions testify it
And now my Dr. But what more shall I say. I pray you may
have God for your portion that is the greatest blessing that I
know if you can think of a Greater I earnestly Beg that God
may bestow it upon you in the most abundant manner.
I was waiting & wishing for Thursday night in hopes of receiving
a letter when I received yours, & I dreamt the night afterwards
that I was to you almost as if I was about to part. But O how cruel
was the stroke I can heartily ^{say to you in} blessing God that it is over. Glad was
I when I awoke & found it to be a dream. O I long to be to you but
O it cannot, it cannot be. if I could but spend one hour to you all
together & in particular scratch that out how should I rejoice.
But that is Mr. own will, & he is a good disturber of the peace
Well I hope he will be conquered some time & that effectually
O that will be a glorious time the Lord hasten it if it be His will
But it is now just 10 o'clock & I have another letter to write to my
sister. & therefore hope you will excuse it if I conclude to my
kindest respects to each of my Dr. Friends in particular please
to accept the same from your unworthy Brother & Friend in Christ