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may have to pass through in this world, your afflictions are but for a moment what signifies if they go so far as to kill the body, they cannot kill the soul but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul & body in health; may I be your meat & drink to serve your heavenly father? Oh be faith unto death & Christ will give you a crown of glory, not to you only, but for all those that love his righteous appearance, who walk not after the flesh but the spirit for those who are not having the letter for their guide; but wait for the manifestation of God's holy spirit, why are you halting between two opinions if the Lord be God follow him; but if Baal then follow him; why are you falling out by the way, why do you not strive to remove strife from you; It seems that they were willing to have their God tried; so try your spirit & see whether you have not been a long deceiv'd with the prince of this world, see whether you have not had only a form of godliness without the power, not being furnished with heavenly wisdom; but your men do seem in gross darkness you have crucified; the Lord of life & glory, & put him to open shame; wash you make you clean; put away the evil from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; sanctify the Lord of hosts & let him be your fear & none be that persecuteth David from the paw of the lion & bear; If there is but a will in ^{ness} ^{house} in the day of his mercy; he will preserve you; you will be established & built up a spiritual house & you will be enabled to praise him in all your afflictions; you will say it is good for me that I was afflicted; come & let us reason together I will be as white as snow though they have dyed like crimson they shall be as wool; if ye be willing & obedient ye shall eat of the good of the land; but if ye refuse & rebel; if ye refuse the gracious which an all wise creation has laid down for you; ye shall be devoured by the sword; it is that word that proceedeth from the mouth of God which is as a fine & hammer that will lay you low; it makes sinners at times to tremble; it is that that the true followers preach they do not preach with earthly wisdom but with the holy ghost moves them; I shall never see you any more to be your companions; tho I am not far from in body I am in spirit & have I have good reason to believe conversed with you; my days work in this world; I believe is almost over & I shall soon go & see him whose admonitions I have so often delighted for want of a sufficient watchfulness; I shall soon ^{ness} ^{ness} I trust thro divine go & sing hallelujahs thanksgiving to God & to the Lamb for ever & ever I see nothing in my way but an easy way to glory I have fought the good fight & kept the faith; I have not deny'd my Redeemer before men so therefore he will not deny me; I desire to know whether there has been any sickness in the family whether any has been moved by death; If you would be so kind to send by a few lines how you all are I shall be much oblig'd to you; I desire that you will not send me down anything what things I brought down will be sufficient; I remain with love to father & mother & sisters & brothers & all my relations in the truth has it is in Jesus & A. Mennell

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To The Committee of Friends
Dear Friends, I am very much obliged to you
for the care you have had for me ever since I was
seven years of age. If you would get me a situation ei-
ther among your own society, or others not of your
persuasion. I will with divine assistance con-
duct myself in a manner that becomes our christian
profession, or if you will let me be a keeper or a ser-
vant under your institution. I will do the utmost in my
power to discharge the duty, and will at the same time do
my diligence in waiting upon the patients in getting
them what they stand in need of if you were to let me
assist. Bottomly. I will not take the least advan-
tage of you you may think perhaps. I want to en-
deavour to make my escape but I can honestly
assure you I have no such thoughts, I can make
myself very comfortable here, I wish to do all in my
power for George Jepson. I wish to go to meeting
to wait in solemn awful reverential silence to wor-
ship my Creator in spirit and truth. I do not think
this his by no means unreasonable to ask, since all
classes have got that liberty. I wd to have the keys
in my possession. At Tolington school in letting
in or out all that might come to the school. I shall
be much obliged to you if you will take what I have
written under your serious consideration, no more
but remain, Your Friend C. Merrett

Sam^l Merrill to
The R^l Committee
Thanking them for their
care of him ever since
he was seven years of Age