

Woburn Town 14<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1862

My Dear James I wish to congratulate

Thee on this the Anniversary of  
thy 21<sup>st</sup> Birth day and to express  
my desire that every needful  
Blessing may be thy portion  
and that in thy search after  
Knowledge Thou mayest be  
persuaded from evil and that  
the wisdom that cometh from  
above may descend and abide  
with Thee I have sometimes  
been afraid that Thou indulgest  
too much in light reading  
I am aware thou canst not  
always be reading religious  
Books yet the pious monitor  
within if attended too much  
clearly shew thee what  
may prove useful and

and what will have a <sup>harmful</sup> tendency and I can hardly  
suffer this opportunity to pass without reminding thee of  
thy attending a Desenting place of Worship having myself  
in some measure suffered from getting my mind entangled  
with Calvinistic Doctrines  
when young in years a circumstance occurred to <sup>me</sup> which I feel inclined  
to tell thee. I went one evening with a young friend to call  
upon a Desenting minister  
Dr. Scorselys Brother in Law  
but he not happening to be at home and having ~~that~~ a friend  
was going to have a meeting for seamen we went to <sup>at</sup> the  
friend spoke a great deal about Jonah but before  
concluding she referred to the 12<sup>th</sup> and two following verses

of the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Ecclesiastes and showed clearly the little  
use study and the reading of many Books but to fear God and  
keep his commandments was the whole duty of man my friend on  
coming out <sup>said</sup> what an uncommon  
Discourse but by Dear James He was accompanied by a friend  
to my mind to which I had before been a stranger and  
I believe it was a word in season for I had been reading with avidity  
a many Books principally Calvinistic yet it was many years before  
I saw it required of me to become a friend  
Remember My Dear James the bright example thou hast  
had in thy Dear lamented Father who through yielding  
obedience to what was more manifest written was enabled  
to lay all at the feet of the

knowing nothing among  
Men but Christ and His sacrifice  
and thus he became eminently  
useful in life and honored  
at His Death Thou wilt  
receive a easy Chair for thy  
Study which I trust will  
add to thy comfort I am also  
getting thee an antemortem  
of my own knitting ready for  
It and remain with love  
thy affectionate Grandmother  
Esther Mather

To J B Walker

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that knocketh it shall be opened -

affectionate  
Mother  
J. B. Walker

Hobart Town

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My very dear James,

I do not feel as if I could allow this day to pass without addressing a few lines to thee. It is a day to be remembered. From this day thou art accountable <sup>2</sup> to the world for thy acts and words. Set a watch <sup>1</sup> upon thy lips and look well to thy doings - Thou wast like

like Samuel of Old, asked  
of God and dedicated to Him  
from thy birth - Many and  
 fervent petitions have been  
put up on thy behalf by  
thy dear departed parent  
as well as myself that thou  
might be preserved from  
the evils of the world, that  
thou might grow in grace  
as thou grew in years, that  
thou might become a pillar  
in His house below, and  
having served Him in time

might

might serve Him through all  
Eternity. - Be in earnest  
my dear boy to make thy  
calling and election sure -  
'Strive to enter in at the  
straight gate' - 'Straight is  
the gate and narrow is the  
way' - 'Love not the world  
neither the things that are  
in the world. If any man  
love the world the love of  
the Father is not in him  
For all that is in the world,  
the lust of the flesh, the  
lust

lust of the eye, and the pride  
of life is not of the Father;  
but is of the world. And  
the world passeth away  
and the lust thereof; but  
he that doeth the will of God  
abideth forever." I John II & 15-17<sup>with</sup>

Go to thy Heavenly Father  
and He will direct thy steps  
"Ask and <sup>it</sup> ye shall <sup>be</sup> given you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock and it shall be opened  
unto you: For every one that  
asketh receiveth; and he that  
seeketh findeth; and to him