

Holyoke Mass 10-66

My beloved James

I felt much inclined to sit down & ask myself the receipt of my truly welcome letter received by the last mail, but being to travel to light & a quiet room I deferred this, I was under the necessity of

postponing telling them
how welcome it was
until this mail. All
the particulars though,
are very interesting to
York friends, & they all
saw to former times.
Seemed to bring a strong
response in my heart
and earnest desire
that we may so walk
on to the end perhaps.

never met again in
this world, and may
this redeeming mercy
be permitted to meet
in the world to come, &
it is sweet to feel that
tho' separated by half
the globe, there is a
union of spirit that
no distance can separate.
We take deep interest
in the efforts for the

hempish as they called
creatures, I trust that
in watering them they
can do me no wa-
tered also, but here in-
terrupts is the necessity
of close watchfulness &
prayer, so that nothing of
evil should intrude, but
all should be done to the
glory of Him, who loved
us & gave himself for us.

I should much have
glad if thou had con-
tinued amongst Friends,
believing as I do, that
their views are more
in accordance with the
doctrines of the New Tes-
tament than those of any
other professing Christians,
but I trust that thou
art endeavouring to do
what thou believe to be

right, & our hearts
truly bid thee God speed.

We have lately had an
afflicting exhibition of
the tendency in our
land to go back to forms
& ceremonies, it is truly
afflicting to see so many
of the Episcopal Church
going towards Rome, &
remember that were all
the Church Conference many

good men who deeply
depleted the state of things
amongst them, upon the
whole it is hoped that the
now day exhibition
may be productive of good.
And now it seems time
that I should tell thee
a little about ourselves.
I hope my dear Brother
is better than he was a
few months ago, but he

is quite fresh on the
old man, and still goes
a little to business in
the morning, but does
not attempt much after
dinner, & is but little
pained now to what he
used to be, my sister
has also been better of
late, she is getting much
convinced to the house, her
weak the weather has

become colder. I am in
better health, & the
sight is still very bad,
I have been able to get
out, & have been a few
times at meeting. We have
good accounts from Sarah
Jane, who seems very
happy in her new life.
We wish her a good deal
but manage to get on com-
fortably. Mary Ann is very

kind in coming to see after
us, both she & her dear
three dear boys dear
Thos & Mary Alice, the poor
mother died here on 4th day.
They are a very bright con-
ple, I am very nearly 80 &
his wife 82 & 2. I Alice
had a new letter from the
young man his name
who spoke warmly of the
kindness he received in

Robert Jones, it was very
pleasant to hear of their
this way. There are 3
youths who have lately
left for Australia on ac-
count of health, who may
probably be in Robert Jones
Wm Benson, & 2 Holdsworth
I believe my Brother gave
them my name in his
letter of introduction.
My cousin William has

ill for some months but
now hope to recovery, I am
still quite and invigorated
my land w capital
my which there land as
does also John Ford. The
Leekham, is the son of Mary
I. he is married & in the
Bank at Hitchin, Essex. I
is also married & in the
at Luton. I send a few
papers with the account of