

Done by Miss
Mary Augustin Walker
to her mother
written while she
was at

Mme Mouchette's
painting.

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bers of the family away. Never
mind, you will soon have James
with you again, & I will send
you some good sound advice for
you to follow while I am still
obliged to be absent from you.

James seems to be very contented
here in Melbourne, the only thing
about him that grieves me is
that I think he keeps up his
former practice of going to bed late.
He looks better than when he came
over. He has been doing the grand
to day lunching out at Looate
at Mr. Joe Clark's. He is going up
to Bainsdale on the Tappin land
line with Mr. Bastow. & on Friday
he wants me to go with him up
to Sandhurst & see Isaac Carno.
We should go up on Friday afternoon
& come back on Saturday night

world. The babies seem
to be thriving a little better
lately. The last nurse they had
is not much good. I think
but they seem to be better
been better. I hope I was surprised
good & it seems to be much better
they have been better. I hope I was surprised
the. They are better. I hope I was surprised
I had got that a coffee pot. a strange name
that is for making coffee the best
I think then there will be a great deal
of having the coffee clean as it is
one & it answers coffee better
It is nearly 4 feet 10 inches tall
So with very much love & good wishes
from your affectionate father

So I shouldn't miss much of my work.

I left Walstead on Monday, as I thought Alice would be there by that time & as Carrie is staying too there was not room for both of us & I had to turn out. However Alice hasn't arrived. Still it suits my work better staying here with Florrie, than out there. It is such an out of the way place. I had to go by tram to Balaclova which took twenty minutes & then I had between 15 & 20 minutes walk from the station. I was obliged to leave ^{Miss Maychelle's} much earlier of an evening or else I was in the dark, & I got there later of a morning. I couldn't get to bed there early, when ever I felt inclined as I can here & get I had to get up earlier or else I lost my bath. Then ~~there was~~ ^{I had} a

good deal more expense while I was there. It is a very nice place to stay however especially after dusty and bowme & its crowded suburbs. It is quite like the country out there big fields on either side, dotted over with jun trees, & a very nice house & garden. It was pleasant too having Carrie as a companion, she complained she didn't see much of me. Mrs Walsh hasn't been very well lately she has so much pain about her chest & back. The dear old lady has aged very much I think since Mrs Crosby's death she seems to have shrunk away to nothing. She keeps about wonderfully however. When I said good bye to her on Monday morning she sent her love to all at home & particularly to thee she said she didn't suppose now that you two would meet again in this