

Robt. Tomson

3rd of 1st Month 1881

My very dear James

Thanks, many
thanks for thy long and interesting
letter, all were much pleased with
it, thy Mother not less pleased
than the younger ones. It was,
indeed, more than we deserved.
The 'Mercury' I did not think about,
but quite believed that both Sarah
and Isa had written to thee.
The 'New Year' cards were nice and
gave much pleasure to each -
We received them at 10 minutes
to 12, Isa having given Arthur
Hatch an order to the Postmaster
for our letters. Lizzie & Isa had

gone to the Cathedral so that Rick &
I were the only ones at home -
Mine was truly sweet - Thau art
a dear kind boy to send me such
a cup of refreshment on a New Year's
Morn - I trust our Heavenly Father
will watch over us at all times,
it is a great comfort to feel that
He doeth, for it is not in man that
walketh to direct his steps aright -
He require to keep our eye contin-
ually towards Him, and our ear
attentive to His voice - which is
quiet & gentle - and must be looked
for and listened to, to be distinctly
heard - then we shall clearly hear
Him say, 'this is the way walk thou
in it.' - Thau asks about George -
as far as we know he continued
well. I had a letter from him dated
29/12; he was then staying at Anthony

Headlam's who with his wife have
been very kind to him; he did
not say when he was coming to
town, or what he was going to do -
I will enclose his last letter -
Lizzie Robert is laid up - nothing serious -
The two elder children are at Buttery
Park for their holiday. Robert Mother
had another daughter. Sarah has gone
on a visit to the Wynns and after
that to join Hannah & Adah at
Rhodes. Marian, Bertha & May to
Lis-dillon. W. R. Giblin will be in
Melbourne either next seventh or
second day en route to Sydney, I
think Marian said that he wanted
to catch the train that left Melbourn
on second day evening for New
South Wales - It would be a
nice for thee to accompany him -
I think thou wouldst enjoy it

much more than visiting the inland
towns of Victoria. Think about it -
I have got Lois little table - Wth Fl -
met Lizzie and asked her to send
some one for it as she had no one
to send with it. I have since written
to her thanking her and asking her
to accept an Album I sent; as a memento
to of dear Joe & also in recognition
of her kindness to myself - It was
done 2 or 4 days ago and I have heard
no more about it, so I hope it is set-
tled. The album was 45/11-50p

My very dear love to Drury & tell her
I am very much pleased with her
for despatching a letter so quickly
after her arrival - We shall all be
very pleased to see her home when
she has seen enough of the great
city - And now my dear boy farewell
and believe me, as ever, thy affectionate
Mother Sarah B. Walker

I leave the
news to her