Hobart Town
14th of Oct. 1862

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 to the world for thy acts and words. Set a watch upon thy lips and look well to thy charges. Thou needst...
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 grow in years, that thou might become a pillar in His house below, and having loved Him in time 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 5:13-15

Go to thy Heavenly Father and he will direct thy steps, "Ask and ye shall receive; 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