

Highgate 10<sup>th</sup> of June 40

Very dear James

I forget how long it is since I wrote last, having been a good deal from home during the summer, which has been a cold, wet, one, tho' we are now having some brighter weather which is very important now that the harvest, which is uncommonly late is getting in, the prospect at one time seemed very gloomy but now except as regards potatoes which seem likely to be very bad, the rest of the harvest seems to be likely to be good, surely we have cause to lift up our hearts in thankfulness to our Heavenly Father who thus blesses the year with his goodness. My dear Mother is still in Norway, I think some of you get the News if so you will see how she is getting on, it seems a time of remarkable vegetation in that country, & she seems comforted in the belief that the journey was

take our night, time, & we hope to  
write not more but very long before  
we see him at home again. I have  
not felt solitary during his absence,  
indeed I have not been long alone  
alone, my Sister & Sarah Jane were  
some weeks here, the latter having  
had a severe attack of Pleurisy  
came God changed of air, she returned  
home last week, looking as well  
as usual. Thomas seems closely  
occupied at the Bank, he likes the  
occupation, he has grown such a  
large man, they would hardly re-  
cognize him. They had never  
told us what they say of it, & I find  
it rather difficult to fancy them  
a young man, yet it seems such  
a long time since they left us, that  
the boy much more have become  
a man, I trust one whose heart  
is turned to the Lord, desiring to be  
led & guided by the Spirit of Christ.

I was much reminded of my school  
days in looking my nephews  
James & Theodor. The Postman, the  
former is nearly the age they was  
when they first came, & like the  
little for his age, Theodor is the

youngest in the school, but they  
are a considerable number left,  
he is three inches taller than his  
Brother, it is very pleasant to find to  
have them here, & they seem very  
happy. I saw some weeks since  
them at Regate, their step Mother  
is in very good health, pretty much  
confined to her room, it seems scarcely  
likely the mile become her lungs  
are so much affected, so that she  
seems a large family to be seen after  
& it is a great relief to get J. & I sent to  
school. Filden Thorpe has got a very  
windy wife, it seems so much more  
comfortable to have a female in  
the parlour again, I used to think  
it looked very desolate without one.  
They found a nice & agreeable  
friend in Sarah Robinsons place, she  
seems to be much liked by the boys,  
she is a very kind, modest sort of  
person. I do not know where Sarah  
Robinson is going to reside, I believe  
she is at present visiting her friends.

James & Mary with their little  
girl are well, the former is from  
home a little towards my the Lakes  
with Jos. Roush & his better sister  
Thomas Robson, they seem to be greatly

enjoying themselves. I am intend  
to go tomorrow to attend the interment  
of my aged Son, Martin Murrell  
at Saabro - the dead only about two  
days elapsed, she was eighty three  
years old, leaving many Williams  
feel her death very much, especially  
as her own health just now being  
poor, & Fanny continues unable  
to walk much or make much use  
of her hands. George the circum-  
afection, many some seems to be  
the general nurse & helper, she  
is at present at Saabro. I was in-  
tend in meeting with Mr Henry Harvey  
at the Murray last week, he was  
just passing thro, I felt disappointed  
in not meeting with my Brother,  
whom he had not seen since they  
parted in South Africa, he did not  
think he should have recognized  
the likeness of him, which he think  
an excellent one, I have sent you  
for this with some yearly meeting  
pamphlets, which tho' I hope you  
may have sent from London, I  
thought I would make sure of your  
having them & if you have them  
before they may be given away  
The other likeness I suppose they will  
recognize, tho' I am not at all

satisfied with it, the position is so  
unpleasant, but this is no the fault  
of the artist, but altogether I do not  
like it, perhaps my friends may  
see it differently to what I do, however  
I am glad to send these three & hope  
they may arrive without damage.

I have not done anything about  
my Aunt's order for books, except  
speaking to Berry<sup>n</sup> Leekham for a  
copy of P. Gillette's journal, but I  
do not know whether I can get one  
of this edition, but I believe the first  
edition will not be long before it  
is ready, it will be a volume & be  
only 8/- instead of 12/- I should order  
several copies so that I shall at  
least be sure of this, it is a most  
interesting work, I felt quite sorry  
when I got the word. I am a member  
in the friend of our friend Mr. St. John  
not being able to meet with a vessel  
to Sydney from the South<sup>Sea</sup> Islands  
& having therefore returned to San  
Francisco, I fear you will not be  
likely to see them, I trust in hopes  
they would have paid you a visit,  
& that we should have been able  
to hear a little more about you.  
I ought to have said Mr. Plarney

enquired with much interest about  
you. I recognized thy handwriting  
on the envelope of a newspaper  
that came by the last month's mail  
I read some interesting particulars  
of the state of things among you.

The Bible Manual continues in this  
land, there is to be a great service  
on Knoxville the latter end of  
this month which I expect will  
make a great stir. It is very  
strange to see some people and go  
into the war spirit, tho' they say  
that it is so, & quiet, their consciences  
by saying this is only like a police  
force, but what service can they  
make for the church, expenditure  
of money and fortifications I do not  
know. It seems time to bring  
this which chat to a close, with the dear  
love in which many would unite  
did they know I would certainly  
believe me to be thy truly attached  
friend thy  
the Black House  
My love to thy Mother &c