

Weygate, Jan. 19. 1864

My very dear James

Your last letter which I received on the 20<sup>th</sup> of last month, the announcement of that sorrowful day when you left England, was truly welcome, & its particulars of thy movements very interesting, not the least so the mention of thy engagements with thy young friends for the benefit of thy fellow creatures, & I do earnestly desire your encouragement in your labors of love, & that in thus endeavoring to lead others unto Christ you may find your own souls helped, if your efforts are carried

on, unless a sense of your own  
weakness, & the necessity of  
coming daily in prayer unto  
him, for strength, I do not  
doubt, but you will be helped  
& strengthened to go forward.

I do not think we have any  
of the numbers of the British  
Workmen by us, but my Sister  
thinks they have, I should like  
in this case, I should be glad if  
we could get them to these.

As it is now concluded for my  
Sister & Sarah Jane to remain  
here, there thought will shortly  
be coming from Darlington.

There has been much serious  
consideration on this subject,  
but my Sister still continues  
so much of an invalid, it seemed  
the best for them to be here,  
where they have the advantage

of Cousin Caleb's care, & what  
she is able can get out into the  
garden, she made an effort to  
go to Fily, but the sea air was  
quite too much for her, & she  
came back worse for it. The  
Library is to be filled up with  
her furniture, indeed the new  
principally occupies that room,  
& the dining room, being  
generally altogether at dinner  
& tea - My dear Brother too  
has put on the old man, that  
he considers himself better  
than he has been during the  
summer, he is still tired in  
walking up hill, particularly  
after a meal, with the feeling  
of tightness across the chest com-  
ing on, so that he has to stop  
for a few seconds, & after that

can walk pretty comfortably,  
I am very much better, & have  
pretty much resumed my former  
occupations. I feel it quite a  
privilege to be able to walk to  
York again, which I was  
unable to do for some months.

John & Mary with their young  
ones are pretty well, tho' John  
is free from rheumatism, & soon  
gets overdone, then with his in-  
terests to attend that he spoke in  
our meeting, very wisely, two  
or three weeks ago. I felt rather  
struck on hearing his voice  
tho' not surprised. Our meeting  
continues to increase, so that on  
a Friday morning, it seems  
pretty full, particularly on the  
mens side, some are often favored  
with very solid good meetings.  
I think it will not be long  
before John & Roush is added



to our list of Ministers.

We were interested in thy account of thy holy day excursion, it did seem high time for thee to have some relaxation, my Brother of course knows all the parts thou mentions, I many of the people, Kilemode & his wife called here, soon after they came to Aldgate. We had a very pleasant call a short time ago from Archdeacon Kirby of Eutally & Laurenceston & his sister they both spoke very pleasantly of thy dear Father, I made some inquiry about thy Mother & the family, he seemed pleased to have a copy of thy Fathers Journal he expects to return to Tasmania next month. We have had a remarkably hot & dry summer so that the gardens have flourished

where sufficient water could be  
obtained & the fruit has been  
very good, but in some parts  
the pastures were almost dried  
up, but the rain we have had  
of late has freshened them up.

This week the Social Science  
Meeting is to be held in our City  
presided over by Lord Beaconsfield,  
it seems likely to be an interest-  
ing time, but I do not feel equal  
to attending the meetings, Sarah  
Jane quite wishes to do so. I grant  
shade has been thrown over the  
Meeting of the British Association  
now holding at Bath by the  
death of Captain Speke the Afri-  
can explorer, he was out shooting  
& getting over a bridge with his  
gun loaded, it went off & shot  
him dead upon the spot, it  
seems very sad for him thus

to come to an untimely end, after  
escaping so many dangers. I  
do not know anything of his  
private character, but it is to be  
hoped that he had made prepa-  
ration for his longish journey.  
He quite intended to have gone  
again into Africa.

I do not know whether I had  
wrote by this mail, he  
told me awhile ago that he  
did intend to do so soon, but he  
has been fully engaged in pre-  
paring a Memorial of Mr. Parnham  
for the pub, which I believe is  
not yet quite ready. I see by  
the programme that I had  
ready a paper respecting the  
facilities for education in  
our Society, at one of the meet-  
ings of the Social Science.  
The schools are to be going

ow nicely; it is a great pleasure  
to my nephews, Theodore, and  
Alberty to have their sister  
Josephine at the Mount School.  
James is still at Tottenham.

Their cousin George was to  
have returned here, but was  
taken ill with pleurisy a  
week before the school opened,  
& has been so ill since that,  
his recovery was not expected,  
one day it was thought he  
would scarcely live there, &  
he took leave of his friends,  
but it now seems as tho' he  
might struggle there, we  
may hope he raised up to be  
a useful man, his brother  
Edward is just from Shropshire.  
Thou wilt be interested in  
hearing that Charles Doucaston



is now on the Schuette  
Committee. My nephew  
Thomas was here a short  
time ago, looking very well,  
it seems very strange for him  
to have a little son, who is said  
to be very like his Father.

I have been this morning  
up to West Bank, & was com-  
missioned with a message  
of deep love to thee from  
James & Mary, & the accom-  
panying 'cartes' to send to thee,  
with the hope that thou would  
send them in return. I do not  
think that James's is very  
good, but they think it is,  
Mary said she was sorry  
she had not one of the two  
children or she would have  
sent thee it —

Cousin & Williams I faintly  
desire their love, Fanny  
still continues much of an  
invalid, tho' she is rather  
better just now. Mr. Henry  
Ellis are well, but their son  
Mr. Henry has been very ill,  
& tho' better is still very feeble.  
The Pampshrey's are at present  
at Seashed' - I must now bring  
this long servant to a close with  
very dear love in which my  
Brothers, Sisters & Aunt Jane must  
believe me thy truly attached friend

Eliz. <sup>the</sup> Bent house

Our love to thy Mother, & my  
Brother says <sup>his</sup> to his Akah, & our  
friends - I hope business  
in Tasmania may improve  
there seems in every country  
times of depression as well as prosperity.