

Holygate 2nd 1869

My beloved James

I quite intended to

have written to thee by

the last mail & acknowledge

the receipt of thy very acceptable

letter, & I trust in a few

days we shall be sick

hence that my time being

very busy to attend my

dear Sister was such a

up with a severe
attack upon her chest
was but a few weeks
when my dear Brother, he
came to die, that we heard
of some time that he would
not recover, & that if Ann
pleased our Ancestors & their
to spare him a little
longer, he is very feeble &
we feel that his life is
very uncertain, yet he has

got down stairs, & has
been a few times to the
nurses, but has not
been at meetings, & being
yet equal to this, but he
is pleasantly cheerful &
I believe willing if it is
the Lords will to remain
a little longer on earth, that the
prospects of the future seem
seem very bright, my
Six. 18th August

again quite confined to
her bed from the state
of her chest, finally I thank
God recovered operations which
my Mother was ill, but
mainly from the war
distress by the illness &
death of our beloved
Mary Esrey, who had only
particularly received from her
confinement whatever she

of her children & her own
the measles, which not
having had her brother look
& after a time of severe
suffering sunk under, she
was kept in such patience
expressed herself perfectly
happy & ready to go on
strong, & she made no express
mention her friends & her
the comfort & assurance that

She is beloved at best,
in the presence of her God &
Saviour, but the loss to her
dear husband, & eight
children is indeed great,
and cannot but deeply
feel this, but I trust
do not murmur, but are
enabled to say the Lord give
& the Lord has taken away &
to bless the remnant of the Lord.

And water has been
any sense & trying me
to the Ad & Debbled especially,
I have kept tolerable
& God some times about the
much, occasions, &
hope soon to do so again as
spring weather comes on
it is pleasant to see the snow
drops set & to hear the birds
sing. Many say the weather
is the best they have had for some time.

Sent me one of June's
letters to enclose - Sarah
and was here when they last
arrived, she seems very
happy in her marriage,
but is still too weak to
be able to do business, their
ship goes in the cloud but
they are hoping for better times
he has another little daughter
as has

Very truly
yours

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