

Helgate 4 no 23/69

My beloved James

I was so engaged last

month with the Cape Town School

Reports so that I had no time

and I should have acknowledged

the very welcome letter. It

seemed to bring I assumed to

much nearer than the usual

acknowledgment the receipt of mine

of 11 mo 1866. I had believed of the

which to Melbourne were
particularly interesting to
my dear Mother, & they
remarks upon your climate
were very satisfactory to
some of the relatives of her
young son, I mentioned as
having gone out in search of
health, their arrival, I hope
all well, is a great comfort to
their friends —

Since

they were, my love to your

Brother Hodgkin has
gone out, & the same week
letters have been received from
him from Melbourne, he
was about to sail for New
Zealand, but I expect he
will visit Tasmania before
returning. I had not seen him
since he was quite a little
boy, but he is said to be a
very nice serious man & my

man, he is a son of John
Hogkin, by his second
wife, who was the daughter
of my cousin Gen^l Backhaus

It seems quite the fashion
with our medical men to send
persons in delicate health
sea voyages. Our friend
Gen Baker has gone on
into the Mediterranean, &
thence some others gone to
Spain, & America —

Great numbers are in-
tending to visit the French
Exhibition, particularly with
the benefit of their health,
but I would send after you
probably be of use - The are
likely to be amongst the tourists
at home people - none of our
many I thought I should note
I can think of only one very deer
By the way is considerably better

he goes a good deal into
the garden, & has been a few
times at the Musices, but
has not yet returned to meetings,
indeed the weather has been
too cold & stormy to enable him
to do this. We have had a long
cold season, with much
rain & wind, & seldom two
fine days together, so that
vegetation is very backward

My Sister is also better
than when I last wrote &
has been a few times into
the garden. I am in better
health, tho' not in perfect
sight, & have the privilege
of getting to meetings when the
weather is suitable. How our
meetings is altered since she
was here! Greatly increased in
number, & I may thank all

any blessed work
true Gospel Ministry, &
owned by the gracious pre-
sence of the Divine Master
so that I have felt it to be
a great privilege & privilege to
permitted to meet with my
own friends, & I hope united
to worship God in Spirit. This
is a day when we are here
it is a sad day to our ^{service} and work

I hope this may be of some
to your mind, but I think you
of great watchfulness, and
outward observances take
the place of that inward
work which is in things like
Athena — and I think I shall
& may still have you as a
~~manly spirit, and a noble heart~~
and may still be so & be
humbled by your work

John Ford was here yesterday
he seems to find no lack of
occupation - he has greatly
felt the death of Sarah James
he soon after her husband,
he has been much attached to
them both. My cousin Mrs
Willems is rather better James
still very feeble but they
hope not losing ground Margaret
is a week or more worse.
My mother-in-law is here today

her dear land, they work
nicely. Mr. Munn's goods
come both from the L & J and
the former is much cheered
by getting to work again
The ship yard was closed
for nearly three months.
Frank has been in a bad state
in this country, but is hoped
they are looking up a little.
I believe I may be mentioned

that Joseph has been
is likely to visit the Southern
hemisphere he is very nice
brother, & I expect he will
Walter Peck and his brother
Peck's companion, the latter

a great lover of my handwriting
they do not expect to do the same

with the same in what my Bro.
& Sister write, believe me they

remember I cannot be so bad as