

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

My very dear James

I believe I have  
not written since the receipt,  
of thy last acceptable letter, this  
a dull dark morning, not favor-  
able for my writing, I will  
make the attempt, & perhaps  
may be somewhat legible.  
I wish I could write, I write  
my dear Mother this is pro-

a little in health, but his  
state of health only gets out  
into the garden & nurseries,  
the last named being the  
extent of his walking, but  
whenever at meetings this year,  
& does not seem at all equal  
to sit so long, so my sister  
had a little meeting her  
secretary, I have been for  
some few some time after

pretty regularly, my health  
being improved, the King's health  
and wh. materials, but I believe  
to be thankful for what I have  
as I can go about the garden  
& house with ease, & I  
can employ myself in writing,  
netting, & knitting, & doing a little  
supper work in the last way,  
& I hope am offhand what I  
have done for the time arrived

at which I was sometime,  
it has been sent by Walter  
Robson, who writes I never  
sailed for Adelaide in the  
Yatala the early part of this  
month, W B is a cousin of my  
niece Miss J. L. & may have  
recently been, will be able to  
give thee information about  
they are two valuable learned  
men, & I trust need God's  
labours may be abundantly blessed.

It is very cheering to my dear  
Brother to see so many of the  
young & strong, coming forward  
in the Lord's service, and feels  
that his time & service is one  
& he is permitted a time & very  
peaceful rest, truly instructive  
to witness, so cheerful & bright  
calmly resting on his Father's  
love, willing to wait in  
backness of body till it please

is the wife of his neighbor  
Father to call him home,  
My Sister is also better since  
the week he came home  
& gets out into the garden which  
is going with flowers, the pres-  
ent run & see how he has  
started the flowers well, but  
we are now looking with  
some anxiety to prevent

What is rather late for the week  
or two he went to work &

a great loss. They friends  
in York are much as usual.  
Not & my Alice wonderfully  
bright & active for the age. Her  
son & my is in better health,  
Elizabeth Humphrey & Mary & better  
her two daughters back again.  
John Ford looks remarkably well,  
he is busy preparing a memoir  
of Mr. Tammes for the press, he  
seems to find no lack of employ-  
ment. My school below

Charles Donnell was married  
a few weeks ago, to a very  
man named Richard D. Shaffer  
it is a connection made to the  
sister's portion of both families.

Charles is a very useful man

My nephew John was here  
two weeks ago, he is greatly  
cheered by Miss Mary Ann  
got to work in the ship yard

They lunched at Mull's place  
last week, & were an excellent

It has been a most trying time  
but I hope things are brightening  
This is a very kind letter written  
so I feel how well you get on  
very soon from him I am glad  
I had this week her little  
son Edward, now six weeks old,  
last week, and her very little  
new home at Malton, No 11  
many brought the household  
furniture occupied by our friends  
S & P. - it is a capital

hence with a beautiful  
gardens, & I hope will prove  
to be the right place for them  
being so near to us is a great  
recommendation; Fanny Wil-  
kins is again much better  
she is looking at Scotland & riding  
back almost daily. Caroline  
is also better, & that very soon  
has wanted to go to Gifford Hall  
with her sister Emma & take  
a short vacation & then to return

care of Fanny - Many of  
our friends are absent, at the  
seaside & elsewhere, several  
more than at the Exhibition  
there is an excursion to  
Paris from here tomorrow.  
We have had a very large  
number of American friends over  
this summer, & I do not think  
had a more acceptable  
& expects to visit America  
one of the new Misses & Misses



are in Scotland, they were  
mainly a week at West Bank  
which both father much enjoyed.  
Many of her children are all  
from home - I seem to see  
to think they I read, my  
Walter Sister came to  
visit in my dear land  
with my truly attached friend

Ever<sup>tho</sup> - As a chance -

Our love to my Mother &