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HOLGATE HOUSE,
N^Y YORK.

My beloved James

It seems a long time
since I wrote to thee, tho' I
truly know how long, because I
feel inclined to do so by this mail.
We received the news before with
the account of thy going to school,
I am as thou canst see the Prince,
with, the same to thee and we
wonder never see you here.

Our good Queen & her
family are certainly very
popular, & everywhere so loved
of us that, a great contrast to
the count of former days.

The Prince & Princess of
Wales are now being detained in
Ireland. I hope they will get
safe out of that country, & of
misguided people who have
of late given so much trouble
to the three real lords of the

They are having a very early
spring the gardens looking
beautiful, abundant blossom
on the fruit trees, the birds
few days have been so early,
I think has made the grass very
green, & the leaves appear on
the trees. My dear Mother
has much enjoyment in the
garden, & on fine days walks
to the Museum, but this is
truly better his health

I surely, if ever, get over
24 hours without a touch
of him, but he often says
what a favour it is, that he
has not come to him, since
the weather has been mild
he has got pretty regularly to
meetings, & it is a great comfort
to his friends sometimes to hear
his voice here - I also am
pleas'd to get to meetings, tho'
we need of us many more

them once on a French day
my sister has not been
beyond the garden for a
long time, but talks of going
to Malton to buy Sarah Jane
a visit, and as of staying here
with her husband & little boy
next week to spend a few
days with us, they like their
Malton residence very much
Jas J. & his family are now
at G. & C. they want to attend

The marriage of Miss
Berkeley Johnson with the
Countess which took place
on 4th day last, & was very
satisfactorily accomplished they
being by 12 o'clock night time
been married, but he did not
feel equal to it, & some strong
winds about that time affected
his breathings. We are
all feeling much the death
of our much valued friend

Smith & Sheffield, who
died on the 20th at 12 o'clock
after a few days illness,
his loss will be greatly felt
wh only in our Society but in
Society at large, God above
keep & bless, his tender
mercies, & ever lovingly I trust
I feel that I have lost a
friend, but can fully
believe that he has entered
into everlasting rest, giving

very pure & serene
his face, his smile
was so bright, before
the fullness of eye and
mind aside, gathered into
the heavenly gaze. His
friends here are much as usual
Robt. & Mary Ellis wonderfully
bright, and James is into keeping
up a large correspondence with
his young friends in distant
parts of the world. Conine & William

are much as usual
Fanny still quite as
invalid, unable to take
solid food, & has been com-
pulsed to bed since she went,
they seem always interested
in hearing of thee, as does also
John Ford, who is looking very
well, & always seems to find
plenty of employment, he has
been nearly my editor, the pre-
sence of W^m James, about the

and who to get in a few
days. I suppose before
my letter reaches there are
friends J. N. & W. Robinson
will have wanted you and
I have been interested in hearing
of them in the street meetings
and Colours, & much more
I have had abundant hope

Wm. Crofield
assurances in both of you &
of our Norwegian friends

have been engaged in
religious services in Denmark
& Jutland, where they have
found an open door, & much
with many serious people
many of whom have left the
Lutheran church & joined the
Baptists, but a few serious
much of friends in principle.

I will be glad when I hear
write to them to maintain the
interest respecting the Swedish late

Just received a letter from
New York with his only son & a
daughter on their way to
milder climate for his father's
benefit. He only lived three days, it
is said very sad for his father
but the boy on the other side
had some sickness & was
brought down to the hotel, & was
sent home & an effort was made
to the hotel, & the man was
killed, & had to be put in the