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My dear James

I do not know how long  
it is since I wrote to the friends  
it seems a long time since we  
had a letter from them, & I  
thought I would write by this mail  
& would the friends  
like to know of my welfare, &  
to hear of my efforts for the  
good of my fellow creatures

interesting to us all. There is  
much ~~to be done~~ in this direction  
in our land, but alas, it is  
sadly preliminary, however  
the sense of this, should stimulate  
real Christians to more diligent  
The general elections are now  
going on, & I cannot make a  
man, being the party under the  
new Reform act, but in spite  
of all restrictions, I feel  
& I am sure have in any

things sadly provided, but  
old City, I am sorry to say  
has not been cleared of many  
drinkers & it is to be  
dearly grieved by the Conservative  
party. We must both of us  
struggle to get out of the way, &  
know a little of what is happening  
clear minds are also much  
occupied by my tedious  
dealing health, being out  
warm summer, & the weather

I failed to get to meetings, & had  
a very sudden change three  
months ago, from heat to cold,  
seemed again to have returned,  
& we cannot but see that he has  
been gradually getting worse  
& now for some time has  
been quite confined to the  
house, & Dr. Beckler states we  
cannot but feel his continuance  
very uncertain, but he is so  
patient, & so sweetly resting when

The love & mercy of his  
Saviour, that it is indeed a  
knowledge to be worth his mind, his  
mind is so bright, & his interests  
in his friends, & in the cause  
of truth as great as ever, that  
he enters warmly into all that  
is done for the spread of the Re-  
deemer's Kingdom, he speaks  
of being permitted to live as  
under a cloudy of peace, & to  
feel that whenever the



course, their' admirable  
mercy had shuld be permitted  
and returned into the King-  
dom of ecclesiastical joy & peace.  
Truly he does exemplify the  
paths of the just, through  
& more, into the perfect day.  
My dear Sister this he has  
thus looked of late, & rejoices  
in being able to do so much in  
caring for our beloved Mother.  
which in many ways, my worth

of right precludes me  
from doing, but I can do  
a little for her in the  
able to go more about, & I  
endeavour to be thankful, & be  
minded that it is her health  
and I should have more power  
& truly we all feel that we are  
surrounded by mercies & have  
cause daily to thank & praise  
Lord for all his goodnesses  
and also for our I & M. Allis

continue to get out words  
policy, they are both above  
eighty - My nephew Thomas  
was here yesterday, he has had  
an anxious time about his wife  
she has had a severe attack of palsy  
but I hope is getting better, they  
never have little girls. I am  
fine now know that Thomas  
his little boy is a great source  
of delight to me - What changes  
since I have been here since those days

How strange to think of  
Albany, I never feel his needs  
the clerk by at Nottingham he  
seems likely to be a little more  
expected to be here at the same  
indeed he begins to look for his  
time & I must do so, he is a very  
gentle & quiet, his behavior is  
very quiet & much of his life  
passed over I much enjoy the  
see the benefit of their & I crea-  
tion, with their sister they have

commenced a Sabbath School,  
I unite with the Father in  
holding Temperance meetings at  
Rugate & Red Hill, I could not  
I late I heard few times in  
meeting the Father has indeed  
much credit in his family.

My Mother & out they are all thick  
as usual, the children seem to  
be getting up fast, they are  
just getting a Governor in the  
house for them -

Much mischief is belted in  
this country, in the great  
& remarkable change that has  
taken place in Spain, it is truly  
wonderful, & one cannot but see  
that the hand of the Lord is in it  
& much that it will be carried  
forward to his praise & glory.  
There have been several good  
accounts from France & I have  
seen Queen and the suspension of  
a species of slave holding, called as



in that colony, is expecting  
some attention in this line  
I hope the subject will be thoroly  
sifted. General Welles has  
just been in & said his late  
Fanny still continues stout & well  
valid, may some capital must be  
It is one of our best characters that  
I had my writing my whole key light  
my basket & set in under key  
due, like verily truly a friend

Ely W. Baird

Handwritten notes on the right margin, including the words "Fanny", "Welles", "stout", "well", "valid", "must", "be", "one", "of", "our", "best", "characters", "that", "I", "had", "my", "writing", "my", "whole", "key", "light", "my", "basket", "&", "set", "in", "under", "key", "due", "like", "verily", "truly", "a", "friend".