

Valleyfield New Norfolk  
12<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1871 -

My very dear James -

Accept my thanks  
for thy kind and informing  
note. I do think it kind  
of thee, when thou hast so  
much to do in the Bank, to  
give up so much time to  
gratify me. I am very glad  
to find that you are getting  
on so comfortably. Of course  
you must be quiet when the  
noisy ones are out of the way.  
Sarah tells me that thou  
hast been quite exemplary  
in

in regard to time; and  
that Thos best honoured them  
with thy company to tea near  
-ly every evening since I left  
The supposed that thou can  
-siders they require looking  
after while I am away -

Thou wouldst hear from  
Aunt that I had been to  
'Bushy Park'. I went up in  
the afternoon and returned  
in time for dinner next day,  
so I did not see much of  
it, as it rained in the morn-  
-ing before I left, which of  
course prevented me from  
seeing what I might have seen  
had the weather been fine;  
nevertheless from what I did

see

see I think it nice farm  
and very prettily situated.  
Robert Shaobridge's cottage is  
roofed, so I suppose he and  
Anne Crouch anticipate getting  
into it at no very distant  
time. I attended a lecture  
at the New Norfolk reading  
room last six<sup>th</sup> day evening.  
It was upon Fensham & the  
days of English chivalry. The  
lecturer was Mr. Bird, the  
Westbury minister. He gave  
an interesting account of  
Prince Arthur and his time,  
and read portions from  
Fensham to elucidate and  
enrich his subject. From  
what I could hear, I do not  
hear

hear all, I think it was a  
good lecture and well received.  
He seems quite a Tennysonian.  
I spoke to him after  
the lecture, and said I hoped  
he would not suffer from  
having had to speak so long  
that evening, as he had been  
ill for several days with influenza.  
He said he did not think  
so as he enjoyed a dip into  
Tennyson. — I am very glad  
to find that you got George's  
things all properly packed.  
I can quite fancy thy feelings  
when thou set to thyself  
Bid — I must say that I do  
not think it was well to  
send a lot of rubbish, such

as old carpets &c when George  
has to pay freight for them. The  
case should not have been  
larger than w<sup>d</sup> contain the  
things. — I quite agree with  
thee in regard to such affairs  
as that of R. S. Waterhouse.

I am very sorry for those who  
lose by him. I wonder how  
P. D. F. could be so foolish as to  
let him get so deeply in his  
debt; and w<sup>d</sup> suppose past ex-  
perience of him w<sup>d</sup> have taught  
him better. — I hope thy health  
is improved; but late work  
is not likely to benefit thee.  
I am glad to hear that Lige's  
work basket will be empty  
by the time I return, which  
will

will be, I believe, on sixth  
or seventh day next. Anne  
and Willie are very kind but  
I think I have stayed long  
enough. Remember the verse  
in the Proverbs--

I am glad a large packet of  
letters went to Joe. I fully  
expect we shall hear from  
him by the 'City'. We cannot  
expect him to write oftener  
than every other week. I sin-  
cerely hope we may get better  
tidings of his health - Jessie is  
better than she was but does  
not seem quite well; and find  
this place dull at this time of  
the year. Give my kind love  
to Grandmother and tell her

that

that I was quite concerned  
that I could not come to  
say farewell to her, but that  
it was ~~quite~~ <sup>quite</sup> impossible. I was  
so hurried, as I had to look  
to some few things for George  
the day I left. Kind love to  
Aunt and thanks for many  
affectionate messages; also  
to Lizie, Sarah & all at Liverpool  
Street. I am writing by candle  
light and cannot see either  
the lines of the paper or  
the ink I am putting on the  
paper. Good night my dear  
James farewell and believe  
me to remain thy

truly affectionate Mother  
Sarah Benson Walker

Thos. B. Walker

28<sup>th</sup> This was written on  
second day evening and ought  
to have been sent by yesterday's  
post, but they went to the  
townships early yesterday  
and I did not like to ask them  
to wait while I folded it &c  
We had Lucy Dear and her  
husband & sister here yester-  
day - she looks ill and I fear  
they are not doing much good  
where they are. I intend being  
home on Seventh day by  
the steamer if the weather  
is fine - Anne desired me  
to give her kind love to thee  
altho' thou only sent kind  
regards. With love farewell  
Thy affectionate Mother

I am ashamed  
of this scrawl  
but must be this or none

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