

Mr James Will

11 Gilmore Place

3 April 1850

Amusing to hear

from James's Son

James.

Dear Aunt

I have been so long in writing you that I scarcely know how to begin but as my time is a good deal occupied and I hear from Mamma when she gets a letter I seldom think about writing but I must try to do so often now that I have begun I often wish you were here to see the alterations and improvements that are daily taking place we have got a fine Green house with all sorts of plants in it and it is no more than finished than Mamma has taken it into her head to keep hens we have got a fine large place put up for them and have six hens and one cock one of the hens sitting on thirteen eggs which we expect out by the end of the week Mamma thinks so much of her eggs that she never uses any of them for ourselves but sends them to all quarters and we scarcely see one of them. George and I are taking a few lessons on the accordion at present I like it very much but George does not care so much about it and would rather go on with his ~~drawing~~ ^{drawing}

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he has now been two years with Miss Hawthorn
 He did like it very well I have only six Months
 of my apprenticeship to serve now at present I
 do not know what I will do when it is done
 Lizzie Purrose has been rather poorly for the last
 eight days Mamma went down yesterday to see
 her (along with Mrs Matthew who is staying with
 Grandmamma at present) and found her rather better
 and Aunt pretty well she has also a large new
 establishment The Soda you were enquiring
 about is 2 per pound and the Acid 6 per quart bottle
 To give you an idea of the pen trade which is carried
 on here I have enclosed rather a funny letter from
 Uncle Blegdon about a book which Aunt was buying
 for us Mamma desires me to mention that Mr
 Sander has been very unwell but is rather better
 again Grandmamma and Grandpapa are in their
 usual all the rest of the children join with me
 in sending their kindest remembrances to you and
 Uncle.

I remain

Your affectionate Nephew

James Bell

I remember me to Clarence and Howard
 Purrose when you see them
 J.B.