

cate child. We feel anxious about her, and the effect 1866.
of all the fright and excitement. Fortunately she is not
at all of an excitable nature, and is always calm and
composed, and in this as in every other way and time,
we had proof of the superintending care of our Heavenly
Father, for she never had such a favourable recovery
before. She is now well, strong and hearty.

"That journal kept by young Waugh just came in
nice time. James Hay has just gone to try a sailor's
life—was just starting on a voyage to Australia—and
I gave him one of those nice little books. Dear James
is a very fine lad. He is in the *Tasmania*, Capt. Drian.
Should they ever come in the way of your nephews, I
am sure you will ask for James Hay, from Canada.
Any kindness shown him will be rejoicing to his mother,
and also to myself. They were to be away two or three
years, perhaps at some British port, before they returned
to Quebec. Anna is a true Christian-minded woman.
Her means are not very good, but she is wonderfully
active, and obliged to exert herself a good deal. Ellen
is pretty well. Mary is a dear, useful, good girl.
She has many opportunities, and seems to improve
them.

"I find the effects of age very much since this last
crush, but still I am kept up and my mind rests on the
Lord, who is a present help in time of trouble. No
person has ever experienced being held up by the Lord
as I have, for has He not supported and brought me
through many trials. I feel less active and often am
relieved by tears, but not without hope and trust. My
dear sons are all making great exertions for all are
reduced by the mismanagement of some, but I trust
they have trust in the promise of better and happier
times, where sin can never enter."