

**(OBVERSE)**

Toronto  
5<sup>th</sup> February  
1861

My dear Father

I was sorry to find that you were (obliged?) to telegraph to Mackie in order to ascertain whether James and myself will [unknown word] to London or not, the fact is, I did not receive your letter [unknown character] the afternoon of Saturday, [unknown character] (Collier?) was at my house where it arrived

[On the left of the page, two lines with the sender's name and the date are shown:

‘Jon (unknown last name)  
Febry 6<sup>th</sup>/61]

[Two additional lines beside the sender's name and the date indicate another message:

‘Kitty (denies?) with  
me; love to (have?) small.  
J.T.P’]

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[Continues the letter from the obverse document]  
and conveyed it to James without delay; I saw James the same night need he promised to write the following evening; Sunday; which I believe he did.

I feel very sorry that I cannot be with you tomorrow; but we may all join in (growing?) thanks to our Father in Heaven who has graciously spared you and us to see another anniversary of your natal day; may he extend his mercy for many more, and give you health and strength to (saying?) there.

Kitty and the boys [unknown word] in wishing Grandpa many happy [unknown word] of his Birthday and I am not (with?) [unknown word] needed join of she were [unknown word].

I am  
My dear Father  
Your affectionate  
Son  
John