

Letters from his second wife Mary Rebecca, daughter of the Revd Robert Morrison

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No. 7

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Tuesday afternoon

My dear Husband,

I fear you would be looking impatiently for this letter before it could come. I left it too late yesterday before I recollected myself to write it, and so deferred it till today.

I have just had yours by the Cole. I hardly thought you would feel it your duty to come at present

unless it was to take my
home next week. —
I shall be eager to know
what you think of Mr
Legg's proposition to me.
I spoke to Mrs L. about it.
She said it was what
she should like above
all things, but could not
ask me for. She has a
nurse engaged, but would
like like a friend, especially
for Emma's sake.

Little Ben slept in my
room last night. His
bed has been removed to
my room. We managed
very well with her, although
she was poorly in her bowels.
It will be a great matter
if Mrs Legg can get her
nights undisturbed.
Jane enjoyed her birthday
much. I gave her, as
Papa's & Mamma's birth-
day present, a very pretty
set of tea things. There

are no pretty dolls to be had
here, now. — She had
2 little chomisons and
3 little Edgers to spend the
day with her. She is much
delighted with her tea
things and says she is better
pleased with them than
she would have been with
a new doll. Robert was
so excited with his own
comic acting that I think
he is suffering from it

The stuff resembles ^{1/2} nankeen, ²
but the colour is blue -
The Chinese simply call it
po - Please tell him to buy
10 pieces (a piece is yat pat)
of blue po, for jackets, the
same as last year - it is
to be bought rather ^{cheap} just now
before the cold weather sets
in - and one piece of black
po, for the trimming - they
call it kwai - the trimming
that goes round the neck
of the top -

3rd - Spung wishes her wages
to be paid to Ting-sheew - \$5-

Of course I cannot pay Afooa,
unless you like to give her a

little present - for the Crochet
work she is doing for me

I shall pay her a reasonable
price according to the quantity.

From Spung's \$5 - please

deduct 3 mace - Sam-tseew -

as I lent her that for things

she bought.

Also, Shung, wishes his

money to be paid to his wife.

I think this is all the business.
Dr. Legge paid me the \$15
I saw sheen used at Canton
and it is all gone - what
shall I do for more money?
I have not any thing to buy
that I know of - I have
bought myself a bonnet,
\$4.50 ^{not yet paid} - and I have a
dressmaker's bill to pay, ^{bill}
not yet sent in - a great

many dollars - and the water
bills for the last month,
very heavy. I fear - and a
little money I shall have
to give to Apung & Kiang
for their rice - beyond these
sums, I think I have nothing
to spend of any amount -
but they amount to a great
deal. I fear you will think
me very extravagant -
but really I spend less than
those with whom I stay

by a very great deal, &
I know I have quite the
character of being parsimonious.
That, I doubt at all regard
because I must do what
I think right, let others say
or think as they will —
but, indeed, my dear
Husband, I have not accumulated
out very much — I have
only purchased such things
as, at home, I should have
purchased by degrees, but

Coming altogether, it seems
much. — I believe you
will still think it is a
great deal of money to spend,
and so it is not of much use
for me to enter into explana-
tion. —

Jane's likeness was
\$4. I am disappointed in it.
It is very like one of her
looks - but that is not a
pleasing one. The child was
evidently uneasy. I fear the
man will not make

another trial because the
money is paid. - Eliza's
and Mary's are not nearly
so good as James' - Mrs
Lodge is very vexed -
I fear Dr. L. will not like
to ask for another trial,
but if he will, I will go
myself, and try to accuse
Jane to make her look
happy. -

When do you think of
coming down again?

I have paid no visits since
you left. I departed going
to see Kim Lin's wife to
yesterday, when she re-
-moved to the new house,
and I called in the evening.
She was more pleasant
than I ever saw her.
The Coles are at Mr
Preston's. They could not
get in that ship, & she has
sailed. — Mrs Lyze's mouth
is very sore. The Balfours
have all been ill, & without
an Amah. They are better now.

today. I grieve over his
 manifest desire to be looked
 - my poor little darling!
 I think he is also feeling
 a great change in the
 air which has taken place,
 and I have put him on
 flannel & warm stockings.
 I have had several pretty
 presents from her kind
 friends. I gave her a
 wrap of flurpe from, or
 rather in remembrance

Oh dear Brother Henry,
that the whole family
might be present to her
in love. Mrs. Morrison
was calling here yesterday.
I called on Mrs. Roberts
on Saturday - and she
let Mr. K. dine here tomorrow.
The Sabbath coming
service is no better attended
at present. The children
go tomorrow to Hirschberg.
I excuse myself on the
plea of Mrs. Roberts coming.
Mrs. Smith lent me
2 valuable books on
education. My letters
are mere skeletons.
The days go by so fast
I now seem to have time
to write a connected
letter. The night's fire
was very sleepy. Today
I slept before dinner.
I was awake a good deal
last night. I feel

very well indeed - but
of course I cannot well
be industrious in these
visiting circumstances.

I hope it is laying in a
store of health & strength
for now I feel just energy
when I return to my home,
I am so sorry for Miss
wife. - Farewell,

Dearest love

Yours am I, your
own dear Mary

No. 8

Saturday

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25th

My dear Husband

I am
y^r affectionate wife
Mrs. Johnson

My last letter was written to you on Tuesday - since which time, she has gone on as usual with us.

Your 5th letter I received on Thursday. I have been hoping, since, for a letter to say that the house had been delivered over to you. Mr Cole J^r. Drow here on Tuesday, & immediately began preparation

to leave on Friday. They
went on Thursday night to
Hirschberg, the beds being
all ^{taken} down. I have not heard
of them since. It was ex-
-travagant of Mr Cole to talk
of any thing I gave them - I
gave nothing but a few old
things for the baggage, and
they could not be many, be-
-cause of course I did not
bring many old things here.
One day I looked ^{out} a few

things of Roberts' which I thought
might be useful for Willie
and had nearly made up my
mind to give them - but on
consideration I thought it not
right - I had spent money
on these things and would
have to replace them if I gave
them away, and I felt you
would certainly not approve of
such a proceeding for Mr Cole
So I gave them up. And as
to help, it was but little I
could give. Situated as a

visitor. I cannot get through
much needle work - and
as to other assistance, Mrs Cole
has her own way of doing things
which a stranger would not
easily know - I cannot wash
and iron - she must
make her own purchases -
save that beyond a very little
needle work, and a little cutting
out one day, I literally did
nothing, and did not go too
often lest I should only hinder
her. She has my sincere

esteem and sympathy - but
 now than that seems out of
 my power. The other day I just
 gave her a trifle as a little parting
 present - and to Willy I gave a
 dollar, because I have ever
 since last year been wishing
 to give him a present but have
 could meet with one suitable.

Kim has we hear, talks of
 moving into his rooms today.
 And to my astonishment,
 Dr. Legge tells me that he
 hears Sai Sun has given up

his connection with the mission from Macas yesterday,
and is coming down here for a few days. —
immediately. Dr. S., I think Jane has gone to have his
very properly, has told the people ~~take up~~ taken by daguerreotype.
that they are not to receive There is a person here for
him into house room. Dr. a few days only - so I had
Ball called here this morning no time to consult you,
but he had heard nothing but being sure you would
it, but said he did not know like to send to Prunty, I
what transactions there might decided to let her accom-
have been with the other -pany Eliza & Mary, whose
members of the mission. Papa was going to take
I think Dr. Ball looks rather them - so they have all
better than usual. He came gone together. - Robert

wanted tags too, but I did
^{wish} into his little thin face to
be represented at present -
and besides who would care
for it. I hope the likenesses
will be successful. -

Mrs Leggie's mouth is very
bad indeed today. -

It is a month today since
we came down to Hongkong
Afyung sends a letter to her
husband. I am very ill
I would not send these poor
letters, were it not that I
suppose you will wish to ^{hear how}

We have been out -
 marketing - & exploring
 a little. It is usual to
 me to go to a butcher's
 shop & choose meat -
 & dear me! how dear
 it is! How economi-
 -cal one must be in
 England - to keep out of
 debt. I'm afraid you
 won't think me econo-
 -mical! - Whilst we
 were out, Mr & Mrs
~~are~~ Addiscott called - Mr

A. is the minister of one
of the Independent Chapels.
Mr & Mrs Griffiths, I suppose
will be calling. —
Dear Mrs Will's sent me
a few lines, to accom-
-pany some flowers —
but the flowers did not
come. But I found
some exquisite choice
flowers awaiting me,
from Miss Young. —
The children are
much amused,
living in a street of
shops. We are very
comfortable here, &
we had better stay
here till we get a
house likely to suit
us — lodgings, or perhaps
a furnished house.
You & your Sisters may
find it warm in the
height of summer
but I believe it is not

Work - except in certain
parts - near the river
for instance. Today
is a warm day - and
I suppose I am now
feeling the effects of
fatigue last week.
I had to be up late -
packing - & then un-
packing - I hope to
have no more of that
for a long time -
Mrs Godwin sent me
back the stamps - she paid

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If they are at home,

perhaps you & I go to
the hotel for the night,
& Jane stay at Grove
Village. But I think

they are not-at-home.

They have been spending
this week at Cheddar

and were to stay over
Sunday - i.e. yesterday.

I am anxious to tell
you this, if possible,

before you start.
Dear Mrs Miller is
not strong, and is
easily upset. But
if you say you will
sleep elsewhere, it
may easily be arranged
if they're at home.

I feel unusually
tired this morning.
I shall reserve all
news till you come.

We are to take tea
at Mr Young's this
evening. I am sure
I shall like Tarranton
as a residence. We
went to chapel roof
evening yesterday
& heard Mr M: mil-
lan - in the evening
he preached a sermon
to young people.
I like his manner

exceedingly - quiet,
grave, in earnest -

I think him just the
minister for us.

There are two clergy-
men (episcopal) who
preach the gospel -
but the excellent vicar

of one of the churches
has left. - This ^{place} is under
the Bishop of Bath & Wells
and Exeter.

No. 9

Tuesday, Sept 28³¹th

My dear Husband

My last was written
on Saturday - and soon after
sunday, I received your little
note, enclosed in Dr. Legges.

I have just finished my
letters for England - only two.
Along one to Benny - and
one to my Sister Hannah -
Jane also wrote to her
brother. I send all to your
mother. I asked Benny to

write to his Grandmother
Abbey. I think Ursula might
always let the Abbess know
of us - a few lines
would do. We cannot write
often, the young Mother wishes
it - but it would be easy
in England to send a little
note. I can only send a
letter, and that is a work
of consideration. I think
now, my shoulder aches
with writing - nevertheless
I have a word or two of

business that I must write.
In the first place, the
children want shoes, and
they are so very dear here
that after sending for the
shoemaker, I sent him
away without an order.
So I send ministers to have
them made at Canton.
Please send Alex for the
shoemaker, and tell him
to make 3 pair for Jane
like the pattern - only rather
larger every way - especially

longer, and the strap a little
longer. I plan to have thin
soles like the pattern, and
one pair thick soles, for
walking shoes. All a
little larger.

Also, for Robert, one pair
a good deal larger than the
pattern, every way.

I judg Mrs Legge wants Ling-
-sheen to buy cloth for jackets
for the Chinese girls. Blue
cloth for winter, the same as
last year. He will remember.

Now then, my dear Husband,
farewell -

Your own loving wife

MK

Clevedon 411

Saturday

May 14th '59

My dear Husband,

Sleep is so very grateful to me that I can with difficulty rouse myself from it - even to write to you - I had some paper & then lay down & went to sleep - & now it is about dinner time. The children are

performing antics
on the lawn to see
themselves portrayed
on a camera
they want me
to go & see but I
must get my
letter ready
for the post.
I intended sending
you a long

one - and thought
to write it after
unpacking this
morning - but
just as I lay
down to rest for
the purpose of
being strong for
it - a lady called
& I went down
to see her & so
stayed till lun-
-cheon

Jim. I am quite
well - only tired
& sleepy. We arrived
in safety yesterday
- but too late for
the post to tell you
so - as the letter
hasn't been sent.

Mr Wells met us
at Bristol & so
brought us on
- & it was well

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for me that he
was so kind, for
I don't hardly have
known how to act
at the Cleardon Junction
where we change
carriages. I see Mr
Wills met us at the
station here and
had a fly ready to
bring us on - an
open carriage like

those at Brighton.

I have just come
up from dinner
— (we dine at 3)

I mean to lie
down again —
but must first
make my letter
ready: —

Mr & Mrs Willis
have told me so

much of Tarentum that
I feel more than
ever disposed to
like it. It is so cen-
-tral that you can
easily make excu-
-sions to cheap watering
places that lie on
the coast, south
- or on the shores
of the Bristol Channel.
The congressional
assembly is an excel-
-lent

men - and the church
is very warm hearted &
serene. Mr Wells
knows a great many
of the people I mean
the congregational
church. I shall go
there, unless you
decide to the contrary,
from Barnstable.
This is a sweet spot
- but the sea is not
fine, as I see it
from the window

This dear little cottage
 is delightful. I am
 sorry I have to go
 away. Robert is very
 much at home
 but Johnny is ad
 himself. He was restly
 on the way down
 unusually troublesome
 and is so sick.
 His breathing is very
 short - he coughs
 very much in the

right and seems
to have lost his
appetite. The milk
here is very fine
& Johnny drinks
it. Perhaps the sea
air just at first
tries him as it al-
ways does me.
I shall put you
off with this shabby
thing now - &

hope soon to send
you a more proper
letter as this might
have been if I had
written before going
to sleep, as I intended.
I have not the
Sunderland di-
rection - if you
get this before you
leave, please
ask Rebecca to send
it to me.

I intended ~~to~~ writing
to you ~~the~~ other
night, but I can't
now - if you
get this in London
please say so.

This morn^g Mrs
Wills got a letter
- such a beautiful
letter - from Mrs
Wills - the lady
who is to be Mrs
Lodge. She is the

woman ⁴¹⁴ ~~of~~ ⁴ ~~minister~~
whom Mr Wills
loved & who was
invited here but
he went to Salis-
bury & there died.
She has a little girl
of her own, who
is also to go to China.
Give my love
to dear ~~Anna~~
- I wish you

were both here!
That is the only
want to perfect this
enjoyment in this
sweet place.

But I am too weary
to enjoy much
yet. My love to
your dear Mother
& Sisters & Nieces.

Excuse this

blotted again,
My beloved
Husband - God
be with you
your ever affectionate
wife

M. W. Johnson

Grandmother to
Grandfather

Grove Villa, Clevedon⁵¹¹
Somerset

Sunday night
May 15th

My dear Husband - at the
close of the Sabbath Day
I come to hold a little con-
-verse with you, my beloved.
This is a sweet, retired,
rural spot - just to my
taste. I could enjoy living
here altogether. But the
tired feeling has not yet
left me, and has prevented
thorough enjoyment of

any thing. I slept a great sleep. If we get a good
deal yesterday and a great night I think I shall
deal today - but my nights - row. We took dear Johnny
have been disturbed by to chapel this morning - &
dear Johnny, who hasnt he was very good - but
been so well since we I staid at home with him
left you. I was much this evening and read
alarmed about him last to him, and felt soothed
night - that resonance and refreshed myself.
about the chest again - Between dinner & tea I
very much it was - and slept, while Mrs Wilks
all day today too - but amused Johnny, reading
I am thankful to say to him and talking to him.
he is now breathing The children are getting
more quietly in his into the way of talking to
her through her tube. They

like her very much. John
wishes we were going to stay
here a month. Robert is
rather disappointed with
the sea - it is not in fact
sea - only the Severn - it
is very pretty as we see it
from this sweet shade
(- a cottage near a wood)
but the colour is like
that of the sea at Chapoo.
We walked to the very
pretty chapel - (with a
spire, like a village church)
through a sweet wood
- the birds singing, &

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the flowers smelling sweetly
all so soothing to the
spirits and so grateful
to the feelings on a Sabbath
morning - so very different
from London. The Minis-
-ter is at present absent -
- Mr. Piper - he is not all
that could be wished - &
indeed he is likely to leave.
If we settle at Tarenton (as
I hope) Mr. Wills will enjoy
us in our ministerial and
spiritually minded Church.
You must come to Cleveland
for a few days by stage
- I want you to have

some chats with their diacon full of love & activity
friends, for mutual edifi- in every good cause.
-cation. Clevedon sends He has lived eleven years
the Gospel to seven villages in Clevedon and is more
around. Mr Wills preaches and more charmed,
at one this afternoon, five with it. Mrs Wills looks
quite off. There are two rather older - but they
congregational churches are both much as they were.
here - two episcopal - We are overwhelmed with
an excellent Plymouth Kindness. They have a
Brethren Preacher too. pretty & convenient little
house.

A city missionary from
Bristol takes his meals here
on Sundays - he comes
over to hold cottage
lectures. Mr Wiles is as

I wish you & Jane
were here. It would do
Jane good to be here. Some-
thing different from
what she has ever

known. Tho' it might not
be quite to her taste - yet
the influence is for good.
I found it so before - I find
it so again. There is a delicacy
and refinement of mind
about Mrs Will's, that, com-
-bined with her heartfelt
piety, I find very charming.
They know some nice
people here - I suppose
I shall see some of them.
I will go to rest now - in
hopes of being more refreshed
by the morning. God be
with you my beloved Husband
- and our dear young daughter

Monday morning -
Dear Johnny does go on
wheezing so much - as well
as coughing - and often that deep
sound worse than wheezing,
that I think I had better dis-
continue the quinine for
awhile. I did not give it
the second time yesterday
and am not going to give
it at all today - please
tell me if you wish me
to go on with it. I have
feared he has not been
so well since he has been
taking it. There seems so
much internal fever - his
lips parched - and his nose

feeling dry - Perhaps the
quinine stimulates him
too much. He has never
taken it regularly for a
week. - On Saturday Mrs
Wills proposed my seeing
her doctor - but I thought
better not - in the night
however I wished I had
- and I resolved if he did
not get better before noon
I would send for him
- but he was better. He
resisted every proposition
about homeopathic medicine
lozenges &c. - but I am
going to give him quinine
at night as Dr Jenner

recommended. He takes
milk twice a day, instead
of tea. The first day Mrs
Wills sent him an egg
beaten up in milk before
breakfast - he drank
it down, & she gave
him a second in the
middle of the day, but
he did not like it - &
as getting it in the noon
interfered with the quinine
I asked her not to make
it for him again. He
eats an egg for breakfast
& drinks a cup of milk.
Robert sleeps on a
sofa in Mr Wills' study

He is now in bed with
Johnny telling him a
story. My bed room
looks on the pretty little
garden, and the sea.
I have been up since
six o'clock and have
had some quiet reading.
I feel now rested this
morning. — I must
drop Johnny now. My
room is furnished with
every comfort & convenience.
A table with books & writing
apparatus invites to reading
& writing. An elegant
bouquet of flowers on the
toilet table refreshes the eye

Monday afternoon

Dinner over. We are going to have a drive - to see the beauties of Clevedon. Robert & Johnny have played out of doors - on the pretty lawn - all this day. Mrs Wills has been four times restored to health, by coming to Clevedon - this predisposed them to like the place. - I have written to your Mother, a long letter - and a

for lodgings for me
- I suppose to be oc-
-cupied by me at the
end of next week. -

I shall quite like join-
ing there, and reporting to
you. You must come
to Clevedon by Hge,
for a little visit. -

Give my best love
to dear Jane -

Farewell my beloved
Benjamin - your true
& loving wife - Mary

I am not at all tired
now. Robert is as happy
as a bird - and Johnny
plays nicely notwithstanding
his indisposition

Grandmother.
to
Grandfather

611
45 Fore Street

Taunton

Monday morn^g - May 30th

My dear Husband,

It was great
rejoicing to me and the
children to get your very
welcome letter this morn^g
before I was up. I was
getting really suspicious but
some accident should
have occurred - for it
was five days that I had
been without a letter -

in fact, just a week today
since your last came
to hand, ^(no - it was rec'd on Tuesday) - and during
that time I had written
to you four times - tho'
you only acknowledge
3 letters. I hope you rec'd
the ^{envelope} packet I sent last
Monday ~~with~~, containing
China letters from Benjamin
Stephen & the Cox - but I
really have my fears -
for they have not come
from Eliza as I requested

and you don't speak
of that letter at all.
It was directed to Hunday-
field & should have been
rec'd by you on Tuesday
morning - the 24th. I just rec'd
with you w^ot send &
inquire for it - because
I scarcely read Mr Cox's
letter, wishing to lose no
time in sending it to
you. - My object in
writing just now - w^o
only the chance of your
getting it before you start

tomorrow noon - is to say
that I think it will not
be convenient for you
to go to Cleveland now -
I intended saying so
before, but forgot it, &
I thought there would
be time for me to write
again. I forgot about
Jane being with you
when I spoke of your
stopping there by the
way. You see they have
only one spare room.

all omnibuses fall coach ^{6/2} &
live during my stay with
her. — She is very kind
— and those ^{who} are the re-
-cipients of her kindness must
be sensible of it — & grateful
for it — and this is sometimes
painful. — I dare say you
could get into practice
at Barnstable or Ilfracombe
— but I would not wish
it for you. If you re-
-main in England I should
like you to get something
here. I dare say you could.

I am very glad you & Jane
have enjoyed yourselves
so much. — I know
I shall enjoy having you
home again! Your letter
would have been rec^d
yesterday, but there is
no delivery after the
noon. on Sundays — &
the northth letters come
in later. —

Waiting, dear Husband,
to welcome you, & with
love to Jane — Yr affec^{ed}
Mary —

20 Maitland Road⁷¹¹
Birmingham, May 29

My dearest Benjamin

With joy I received this morning your tenth letter since you left home on Thursday, May 7th. Greatly disappointed at not getting it yesterday - because I awaited your ultimatum about Miss Pat. Betty must have told me an untruth, she could not have posted it at Sparkbrook, as she declares she did - or, for Edinburgh we should post at 8, Camp Hill, to reach the 9.30 from New Street in time.

I seldom entrust a letter of importance to a servant - I did so on that occasion, because I had just come home from the meeting, and Mrs. Pagan was here - and I did so on another occasion, when I was very tired & sent her with Stephen's letter.

I do hope that was in time! —

I hope my dear Husband you do believe I entirely appreciate the love and kindness that made you propose to me to meet you at Moffat — and I am quite sure you know how such an excursion with you would delight me — beyond anything else of the kind. And I trust you do not feel a bit hurt, as if I made light of it. But I think there is some judgement in my arguments against it. You know I could still go if you wished it. But I should feel at taking the £6 — which was intended for your benefit — because my going to Cambridge Wells could not have cost them that much. I should think. And really I have wanted this time at home — I have not spent many idle moments ex-

cept when feeling tired &c - I have
been making strenuous efforts to get
my accounts into order, and hope
before long to have atoned for sad
arrears. - You have been very good
my dear husband - too good - to
send me so many interesting
letters - I have just been reading
them all to Jane. We have had
thunder lightning & pouring rain -
now looks as if inclined to clear up.
I have looked through the Independent
A terrible accident down in
Hampshire - 8 School boys & their
German Master went out bathing
& seven were drowned!

Jane was at the Moores' last
evening. She did not get home
till more than half past 11 -
I was alarmed not knowing where
she had gone - they brought
her home. - I am greatly

delighted at your being so well
housed in Edinburgh & treated -
and at the thought of your going
to the Trospacks! Oh that is delightful.
I had been looking at the map and
wondering whether J. Legge would
propose to you to go to the Ochil Hills
or Bridge of Allan, or any of those
nice places not far off from Dollar.
But the Trospacks & Loch Lomond
& Loch Katrine, are better than
any thing, unless you went to the
neighborhood of Balmoral - Crathie
or Braemar - or Ballater - or
further north still - to Inverness!
Don't hurry home - get all the
good you can - from beautiful
Scotland - Oh! if I were a lady
and could go & come as I pleased,
how I should enjoy it all! I am
sure you know, that as a matter
of liking - independent of other con-
siderations

I am fond of travelling and delight
 in beautiful scenery — (on terra firma)
 But then — we, must weigh "other
 considerations" — and be guided by
 them too — especially must I, who am
 too much affected by circumstances.
 (It is getting quite fine now) —
 I was only 11 when I lived 9 months
 in Edinburgh — but I loved it then,
^{and} ~~but~~ when you speak of Arthur's
 Seat — Salisbury Crags — Little Dock —
 my memory goes back to the fa-
 miliar places — albeit there is now
 about them the haze of time long ago.

I am sorry it so happened
 about Jane — because little
 things affect them, with their
 weak health &c — and it was all
 so kindly arranged — & there had
 been one or two put off. If they
 had told Mother about it, I fear
 she would feel it rather a slight.

Jane should have been more explicit with Mr Davies. - Do you find yourself able to bear well the fatigue & excitement of seeing & hearing so much, in Edinburgh?

Mrs Ryan came the other day to borrow the £3 you had offered. Not now for Green Grocery - this not being a suitable time to commence such a scheme - but for the purchase of boots & shoes, especially children's, to put in the window, & so induce Customers to come in. I gave her the money. - Jane thinks it not a real kindness to lend money. As a general principle, I have thought so too - but there are exceptions. See Gen. XV. 7. 8 - "Thou shalt surely lend him &c" - Ps. XXXVII. 26. "He is ever merciful & kind. His seed is blessed." - Ps. CXX. 5. "A good

man shall with favour lendeth" - Luke VI. 35. "Do good & lend, hoping for nothing again." - In some cases a loan has sometimes been a real kindness, and proved the beginning of some prosperity. On the other hand it has often been the reverse. I hope this loan of ours may prove a blessing and not an evil. -

Unless anything particular occurs, I shall hardly write to you tomorrow morning. I intend to post this myself this evening, in good time at Camp Hill, so that you get it tomorrow. If I were to send in the morning, I suppose it would be necessary for me to put it in the box in New Street before 10.25, which would be easy enough, but it seems to me doubtful if it would be delivered the same evening. -

I suppose if that occasion to write
before I hear from you again, I
might address on Monday evening to
Dollan. - Well - I had many thoughts
about Napat - I tried to get myself a
little ready, in case you should say
"nonsense - you must come" - and
I thought how pleasant in many
respects it would be - (to me the journey
would be no trouble) - but I still feel
as I expressed myself before - and
I am glad you have no particular
desire yourself to go, and say "so
let it be" - (altho' not without a little sigh of
regret) - I was not sure but Eliza
would blame me - but you see by
her note one may think rather the other
way - and Jane thinks it is best as
it is. - (The day is now beautifully
fine - dinner time) -
Prof. Mrs Gostling has been in - a
wonder - for no one comes to call.

I have written to Eliza and asked her when it would be convenient for me to come. I should like to be at home when you return. If you come the end of next week, you might take me over the following week, as Mother wants to see you, or you could come for me.

Now I am going to the post. Goodbye! Peace be with you!

Your own loving wife
M B H

A sweet evening.

My dear
boy has
just come

to hand
with a letter

Tuesday - July 24
2 York Place,
New Clifton

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Beloved Husband,

I am thankful
to say we are all well.
No particular news.

A letter from Miss Phipps
- saw yesterday morning
induced me to go down
to the Station to meet
them on their way to
Devizes. I came home
through a pouring

rain, but am none
the worse for it.

They return tomorrow
when Jane & I will
meet them, if fair.

We saw your dear
Mother & Sisters off
from the door, but
did not go with them

to the Station. - I have
just had a line from Wile for Benjamin's
Eliza - wth I enclose,
to save my pen -

as Jane & I are
just going out a
second time - having
been into the city
as far as Gallop's
this morn^g - Johnny
accompanying us.

Shaw Bland & Co
have received their
books. No other letters.
The only visitors we

have had has been
Mrs Cox, who called
last evg. We shall
look for a letter from
you tomorrow morn.

With our united
love & Johnny's
kisses -

Yours ever
affectionately
Mary

Grandmother
to Grandfather