

Letters to John Morrison Hobson from members of his family

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no 2.

Shanghai, 14th June 1859.

My dear Lohmie,

13/6. I am sorry to hear that your cough has not left you & that you had a fall down stairs. - Mayfuh is very well & Pau-fuh (Mr Loh's baby) is growing very fast. Mayfuh talks of you very often and likes to read your books that Mamma gave him. He is learning his A. B. C. and knows a great many letters. Are you learning to read now? When I come to England, you must read to me often. - Is not this a funny picture? The old priest seems tired with his walk & seems to be half-gaping. I had a letter from Mr Cox at Canton & Hafung sent me her love. See your old Sun sun sometimes and she asks me if you are well. - Mr Muirhead sends her love & Mr Loh sends her love & Mayfuh sends his love & kiss. And Bennie sends you ^{his} best love & many many kisses and is your affectionate Brother Ed. Hobson.

no 4 via Marseilles. Per "Aden"

Shanghai, 16th Aug: 1859.

My dear little Brother.

13/8. What a long time it is since I wrote to you, but you must not think that I have forgotten you. Mayfuh and David are well, but they have a great deal of prickly heat poor little boys!

Mayfuh goes to chapel twice a day now, and also to the prayer meeting at Mr Muirhead's. Do you remember Willie and Tommy Boone, who used to be great friends of Robert & come and play at Dr Lockhart's house, - they will soon be here again, and are now most likely on the sea coming to Shanghai. Do you remember Captain Killick? He had a large ship we used to go on board of, and he used to come to our house; he asked very kindly after you and

wanted to know if you were better.

He has now gone to England with a
great many boxes of Lead. My dear little
Mayfush sends you his love this kiss.
He is well & can talk English a great
deal. David is learning to talk but can
only say "Da da" which means Papa.

Benny sends you his best love and many
kisses and is your affectionate Brother.

Give my love to Robert.

1854

15th Nov 1854

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Via Marseilles.

Shanghai, 5th Oct: 1859.

My dear little Brother,

5/10. I was very sorry to hear that you have been having the measles but I hope you are now much better. When I was in England, I had the measles too, but that is now some time ago. - See this old man is worshipping the moon I think; how very wrong, but he does not know any better - he wants somebody to teach him what you already know. - Mayfuk is going to Soochow today with his Papa & Mamma & little Brother. He sent you a picture last mail as a birthday present & I now wish you many many happy returns of your birthday & I hope you will become a good boy & love God, who loves all children. Here is Bennie's kiss, who is far away in China. O I am your affectionate Brother B. B. Hobson.

Brother Bennie

Nov. 30th 1854

Champion, N. Y. Oct. 1854

My dear little brother,
I am very sorry to hear
that you have been having the same
ill but I hope you are now much
better. I have been in England, I
have the measles too, but that is now
some time ago. See this old man is
worshipping the moon & thinking; how
very wrong, but he does not know any
better. He wants somebody to teach
him. I have you already know. - I am
is going to London today with his
brother. The brother. He
sent you a picture last week as a
birthday present. I have with you
many many happy returns of your
birthday. I hope you will become a
good boy, who loves all
children there in America. I am your
affectionate brother, W. Johnson

Clarendon, Natal, 3rd July 1868.

Dear Johnnie,

26/6. - Your note duly
came to hand of the 9th April. - You
ask me whether there are any lions and
tigers in Natal, to which I answer No
especially the former, but there is an ani-
mal bearing the name of the latter which
inhabits only those parts that have Bush,
that is really the leopard being spotted
not striped. This creature in this lo-
cality is troublesome killing foals,
young cattle & sheep: it is only the other
day that I eat some meat off a fine
heifer that a tiger or rather leopard had
killed. Some Kaffirs had made a fire
in the Bush and cutting strips off with
an assegai (spear) then throwing ^{it away} the
fire, and most delicious, for it had been
killed two days. There were the marks of
its teeth on the ribs, and only half of
the carcass left: the Kaffirs were going
to set two loaded guns over the remains
at night, but the tiger did not return.

A week or two after another young beast belonging to the Kaffirs was killed by a tiger (most likely the same one) and Mr. Walter Shaw put some strychnine, which was eaten but whether by the depredator or by dogs, we don't know. And then again a foal was killed by a tiger soon after of the Messrs Shaw, and some strychnine was placed in a pot that was certainly eaten & the spoor (pronounced "spur") of the tiger was seen & followed by the Kaffir that hunts the Maes till at last a place was arrived at where the animal had evidently been vomiting; after that the track was lost. — Lions are not all found in this Colony, but when the Mountain or Drakensberg is crossed a tract is entered called the lion veldt where they roam. Elephants & lions used to be common at Durban — particularly the former — 14 years ago, but they have vanished. Buffaloes are in this bush still, but not often seen. —

Before I sent you ~~two~~ a feather out of the wing of the lory (red & black) I now send you the top knot which is green tipped with white: this the bird erects at pleasure like a cockatoo. Freddie

Shaw shot three ~~at~~ this morning, and
Charlie one, and we are going to roast
all four tomorrow morning for break-
fast. — These two are great shooters.
Charles has shot since last August
twelvemonth 72 Bucks, (32 being Bush
bucks which are large weighing from 75 to
150 lbs & Horn 180 lbs, and 40 blue bucks
which are much smaller) together with
scores of lories, rock rabbits or conies, long-
eared rabbits or hares, parrots, hawks (we
had one for supper the other day being so
hard up) & other animals.

3/4 — I will send you another lory's head
next mail & another after that.

Your Affectionate Brother,
Ed. Hobson.

- 20 Braithwaite Road ⁵

Aug. 9th Tuesday

My dear Son 1870

Your letter of Sunday
to your Father, was received
this morning - and has gre-
tified us not a little.

To hear you say you "hope
to get light", is very cheering
my dear, precious Boy - to your
Father's heart, and to mine,
for we feel assured that if
you desire light, it will be
given you.

Papa has gone to town
this morning, & has commis-
sioned me to write by the
12.15 post, and Jane has
just come home from

Mr Johnson's, where she slept last night, since I began this ~~last~~ letter.

Papa says, by all means stay till the 18th, if you have money enough to bring you home, and you wish to stay. I am so glad you are enjoying those walks & prospects in your favorite place.

We heard from dear Robert this morning - he has seen the great Mr Hart, and his salary is raised to £500 a year. Dr. Gauld of Swatow called on us yesterday - he has just come home via California & the Great Pacific railway. He has a brother, a jeweller, "Vill's Street" - perhaps Mr or Mrs Davies know the name. He is a Scotchman. It was nice to see some one so lately from Swatow - he gave us a good report of Robt. Mills May is coming to visit us soon. Jane goes back to Whitley's Road for the rest of the week. - We have a

new servant coming to-mor-
row, whose name is
Emma - I wish it was
Mrs Davies' Emma!

Two letters for Rebecca
Corfield have just come
from Chicago, directed in my
handwriting - I shall return
them to Ben^g Thompson,
and tell him she has sailed
per "Emerald Isle" -

I trust, my darling, you
will continue to read the Word
of God, daily - and may you
receive the Holy Spirit's teaching.
Seek it!

Your loving Mother
M M Holmes

Sorry to hear of Mrs Davies' in-

dispo-

Braithwaite Road Aug 13th 1870

My dear John

We were much pleased with your last letter. It betokened, we thought, some care about your soul, or at least it does not manifest a total indifference about spiritual things. You say you do not feel any repentance for your sins. Experience of the sense of deep repentance for them before God, must arise from a deep conviction of sin upon the conscience; and unless you have thought upon the nature and evil of sin, or have committed acknowledged acts of iniquity, you are not likely to feel contractions of conscience on account of it. —

Permit me my dear John to point out in a few words what sin is, and why we are condemned

to repent and believe the Gospel before
we can be saved. You cannot for a moment
doubt that we are responsible beings and are
under a system of law and restraints. God is
the Author of our being. He is also our Lawgiver;
and we know that His commandments refer not
only to our words and actions, but to the thoughts
and intentions of our hearts. Now "Sin is
the transgression of the Law". and "there is
none that doeth good no not one" we are
all wicked in the sight of a Holy God. —

Though it undoubtedly should be our chief end
and delight, to glorify God and to enjoy Him
for ever, we all fearfully come short. —

Just consider what is required. We are
to love God with all our heart & mind and
strength, and our neighbour as ourselves —

On these two summaries, our Saviour says

hang all the Law and the Prophets. —

Transgress this Law only once even in thought or intention, and you commit sin and you become guilty and condemned.

for "Cursed is every one ^{that} keepeth not the Law" — God requires perfect obedience.

but this we cannot give, by reason of our sinful hearts; and therefore by the Law, no one can be saved. But God in mercy hath not left us in our low and wretched

condition, but has provided a Saviour!

He has given His only begotten Son, who has kept the Law for us, and by the sacrifice of Himself has atoned for our

offences; and now the offer of the Gospel comes to every sinner. "that whosoever

believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Here is life

or death put before us — Pardon and

salvation against loss and ruin; and

There is no other method or name by which
we can be saved. This is a name. —
It is the plan of salvation worked out
for us by the God of Love — it is all
Love, and nothing else. and it must
be received in faith — we must
believe the record which God has given
us, and be willing to submit to His own
terms — Jesus is put before us, as the
most perfect and worthy object of our
love and obedience; He can & will
save you. He says I'm give me thine
heart — Choose life, rather than death.
Learn, mark, and inwardly receive the
admonitions of conscience, and the word of Truth.
Ask for grace. Believe & trust in the
word of Jesus, and the promised aid of
the Holy Spirit, and you will become a
Son of the Blessed, and an heir of glory.
Yours loving and effectual Father Benjⁿ Hobbs

12 Wyndell Road

Forest Hill, S.E.

Sept 6th 1891

My dear Son

I am very glad to have your letter - and very much pleased with you for writing to Glyde - I have just been out & have left it at his door. He & his Mother are coming to tea this evening.

We send you some money, as you request - £1 for your travelling expenses to & from London - and then the £2.10 we think would be enough for your stay at St. Catharines and

the shorter journeys. If you, my dear Son, to-
get you must borrow - maintain and pray for
from Jane. Your visit your best welfare.
to Ventnor is your I think this very nice
Sisters' kind treat - for treat that you are
one week. We shall ex- having should do you
-fect you home next good in every way -
Monday. - We send you strengthen & refresh your
the 2/- your allowance physical being - and
- and 5/- as a birthday thankfulness to the good
present, wishing you God who spreads His beau-
many happy returns tiful works abroad -
of the day. Enclosed and still more - who has
is a money order for sent His Son to be the
£1. 7. 0. We shall propitiation for our sins.
specially remember After it all, you
should come home & set
to with a will to your
work. - Goodbye, your
loving Mother, M. B. H.

The order comes to you from
your Father, if asked
what name - (B.H.)

Write & acknowledge
its receipt

You must sign your
name on the order

12 Wynell Road

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Forest Hill, S.E.

August 22nd

My dearest Johnny 1872

We were delighted to have your good & well written letter this morning, and are satisfied that you have decided on going to Ventnor, where we hope you will have your usual gratification in the well known scenery, be able to meet with accommodation for board & lodging. —

I sent you yesterday
an address by Browland
North, thinking it would
be nice for you to read
on Sunday, I doubting
whether I should know
your address after today
in time to send it.
Now I fear you may
not have got it, as you
were to leave so early.

This afternoon's post
has brought letters
from Robert - there

is one for you, which
I enclose. -

Papa & I went to
Boxhill yesterday -
it was a very pleasant
excursion. -

Jane has had a very
pleasant time at Rainton
going one day with a
party of cousins & friends
to Studley - Fountain's Abbey,
a beautiful ruin, sur-
rounded by beautiful
scenery. I think she
has probably gone to

Osceburne to day, with
Jane Abhay, who has
also been spending a
few days at Rainton.

Wishing you every
blessing, my own dearly
loved Son,

I am your fond Mother
M R Hobson

12 Wynne Road

Forest Hill, S. D.

August 24th

1872

My dear Johnny

I am quite pleased
with your letter ^{to R.} and I
am sure he will be, too.

I am always making
mistakes with glydes me-
teorology! I forget to look
at the different things at
the right time - so that
I fear he will be vexed
when he comes home
& finds his register of the
weather has not been
well kept. - I have been
very wishful to "read" off
as desired - but I get per-
plexed with "right" & "left"
& "wet" & "dry", and more -
- over

I have had my thoughts
taken off on such a very
different subjects that
the thermometers have quite
slipped my memory. There
have been several letters
to be written that have
required thought, & several
arrangements to be made.
And so I must be excused
all errors. —

Are you disappointed at
not going to Freshwater?
Do you find any thing
in your way — geological
way I mean — at Blackgang?
You will be sorry I think
not to get to Plum Bay.
I hope you have had a
better May than we, for
your walk to Clontarf.

I shall expect a full true
& particular account of it.
It is very dismal here
today. — I shall send
your letter to Robert, to mor-
row. — Emma and I are
alone in the house, Papa
having gone to attend the
funeral of your dear
grandmother, whose
face we shall see no
more on earth — the
place that once knew
her will henceforth know
her no more. But she
is where she wished
to be. We cannot doubt
that she has departed
to be with Christ — and
what the joy of that is,
transcends our highest thoughts.

Will her youngest grand-
child, whom she loved
& prayed for, have the same
joy awaiting him when
his earthly course is finish-
ed? — Oh my child what
a happiness it will be when
you can say as Robert did
when about your age
— "I have found Christ"! —
All things have worn a
different aspect for him
ever since. He has not become
perfect, & no one is more
conscious of that than himself
— but he has become far
happier than he ever was be-
fore. May you know that hap-
piness by experience. —

Your loving Mother
M R Hobson

Bee Kenharn.

Sept 7th 1872

Can it be that my
dear nephew John is just
on the eve of being 19! it
seems but the other day that
you were a boy playing at
Gommes, yet with it all an
active brain, that threw
science into it, and a large
infusion of imagination
too. These things have now
passed away, and your
life has taken the form
of sober study, not without
requiring sometimes

perhaps, but very pleasurable
at others, as there comes
with it the consciousness
of increasing mental
force;— new ideas pour
in with labours study,
and new power to grasp
them;— all to be stored
up, and used up, in
future years for your own
personal benefit,— for the
benefit of others,— and I
trust for the glory of God.
We hope you will use

to eminence in your profession
with the natural powers God
has given you I see nothing
to prevent it; may your
pursuits therefore deeply
interest you, but not so
absorb you, as to lose sight
of those grand truths and
realities that the Bible
reveals to us. I have ~~no~~
words to express the intensity
of my desire that the teacher
whom I love, may have the
supreme devotion and ho-
mage of your heart. Indecision
even in things of this life

life is often attended with
serious results, but not
worth speaking of, when
compared with my wavering
on this. May your earnest
resolves, through divine help,
find utterance in the words:

"My heart is fixed, eternal God,
I fixed on Thee;
And my immortal choice is made,
Christ for me."

My highest and best
wishes for you, are summed
up in these lines. —

And now I

must close, wth however
without saying how please
we shall be at any time
to see you at Beekman.

We hope you will
soon entirely lose your
cold.

Your Aunt Insulin
wishes me to congratulate
and believe me ever

Yours aff^{ly} Aunt
Eliza.

P.S. - Just one little

would more to say how
pleased I am that you
add to the happiness
and comfort of home
life -- what a cause for
gratitude it is to have
parents so worthy of it
all - I felt this in days
gone by - and I know
you feel the same.

Monday Afternoon
I cannot help enclosing
some loving words of
my late dear mother

when speaking to me as
she so often did,
of her beloved
grandchildren

Monday Morning
Dear Aunt

Under say, will you
accept of the enclosed
highly present of 4/6
stamps for pocket money
with her love.

Mrs. L. hopes it will be
fine tomorrow, as she
wants to go to the
Dentist, and from
there to St John's Terrace

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Geet Kentham

Oct 17th 1894

My dear John

It gave us such
pleasure to hear of your success.
we warmly congratulate you
on attaining the dignity of
being a Licentiate of the Royal
College of Physicians! It will
encourage you to still carry
on your medical studies and
unflinching interest and
ardour, knowing that
according to your labour, so
will be your success.

What pleasure it would have
given to your dear Father if
he had still been spared
to us. You are treading in
his steps professionally, and
I hope will eventually be
as distinguished. May you
follow him in other respects.

I like to dwell on all
that characterised him;
his firm stand on the
Rock of Truth, — his
beautiful simple faith
— his love to God and man

which shed its sweet in-
fluence over his whole
character: - Such was
your honored Father,
that such too may
be his son, is the
earnest prayer and
wish of

Your affectionate Aunt
Eliza.

Acunovaks

Jan^y 1st 1875

Dear John

I most sincerely
wish you a happy New Year.
may you have health, - success,
and every thing that can
contribute to brighten and
enrich life.

I know how very much
you are engaged. yet I hope
you have a little time for
quiet thought on that subject
which should be paramount
with us all. To be thoroughly
decided upon it, would

not be any hindrance to
your studies but just the
reverse, for religion is such
an element of power in
our pursuits; it is a source
of gain in this life, as
well as in that which is
to come. —

My attention was directed
to these words by Dr Furman,
"To this end was I born, and
for this cause came I into
the world, that I should
bear witness unto the truth"
John 18:37

For what end were we born,

and what is the great
purpose of our existence,
that we may know, and love,
and obey, and exemplify
the truth. He in whom we
find all the treasures of wis-
dom and knowledge, can
give us such clearness of
vision, as to make the truth
so bright and luminous,
dissipating all the mists
of doubt that in some
states of mind seem to
hang round about it.

There are some things,
many things, which we

cannot explain, cannot
comprehend, - a deep ocean
of wonder and mystery -
but a religion without it, is
a temple without a God".

I was reading a remark
of Binney only the other night
he says "If a man comes
to the Bible in a proud
attitude of mind, God will
meet him in that spirit,
but if he come with the
simplicity of a child, God
will take him by the hand,
and lead him into the temple
of truth, and show him
every thing". —

I was kept awake the
other night with thoughts
of you dear John; will you
allow me to express the
thought, that there is such
peril and unrest in
indecision. May you wish
this New Year, if you
have not already, in simple
faith take from the hand
of Jesus those blessings
which He came from above
to procure for us; at
what a cost, we can never

known; all that he suffers
on our account, "transcends
not only the power of language,
but the power of thought".
The love that planned the
scheme of redemption, and
the love that executed it,
is fathomless; - divine.

I have troubled you with
a longer letter than I
intended, but with this
New Year, I felt as if I
could not help it.

I shall not look

for a reply, your time
is too precious, - but
think of me dear John

As ever your affl Aunt

Eliza.

12/3



Mr. Hobson

12 Wynell Road

Forest Hill

London S. E



3 Mount Villas

Serenobaths

April 23^d 75.

Dear John.

I feel I must write
 at once, as I cannot personally
 congratulate you on your success
 it gave me joy to us last
 evening, especially after the
 painful disappointment of
 the morning; for your name
 was omitted in the list. I am
 sure the Daily News ought to
 most humbly beg our pardon
 for this important omission,
 however we are glad to see the
 corrected list in the paper today.

W. E. J. a

Then it eternal" John
Murray Bolton. L.R.-6-P
London Court Hill Guy's
Hospital?— What a delightful
feeling it must be to you that
you have reached the goal of
your hopes, and that your
fears if you had any, can
now be given to the winds.

It must give you much
satisfaction and thankfulness
ness, that you have so far
gone on so successfully in
your professional course,
this will be an encouragement

to labor on, until you reach
the highest degree M.D. - London.
we are so pleased that you
think of graduating at the
London University, instead of
Edinburgh. — —

God is very good to you in
giving you a healthy vigorous
mind, and the disposition
to so diligently and perseveringly
cultivate it. —

Your name is now enrolled
in the College of Surgeons
and in the College of Physicians,
so honorable to you, and so
gratifying to us all,

and yet — absolutely
nothing, compared to the dignity
honour, and happiness
of having your name
enrolled in the Lamb's
Book of life. Is it there?

If you have any doubt
about it, will you not settle
this question of questions
at once, by the willing sur-
render of your heart to Him,
whose love is so wonderful, so
impassionate, so unselfish, that
I cannot write about it calmly.
It is overwhelming. That all
whom I love may know & feel
its power, is the one wish of your aff. An

May 15. Friday night 1411
My dear John^{ny} - I have your
letter by Mr Judson. It
was no second hand story that
Edwin Glyde gave you - he
had gone to town when I called
or I would have given him
a message for you - but his
mother gave it instead of
me. I was dreadfully fright-
-ened about Jane on Wednes-
-day night, and wrote yes-
-terday to J. Lockhart -
who came today to see her
-most kindly - for their
nephew, young M^cClatchie
is dying - J. L. did not
expect him to survive last
night - he was just alive
today - and that is all
- probably by this time he

is no more - and today
the painful task of informing
the parents in China, ~~dearly~~
upon the Lockharts. Dr. L.
examined Jane in bed with
the stethoscope. He says there
is no mischief that he can
detect at present, but it may
come on if she does not
get fattened up. He orders
porter & cod liver oil,
as well as to go on with
the iron, and he has prescribed
a liniment for the chest
and for the pain she com-
-plains of, under the right
shoulder blade, of which
I did not know till today
but which she says was
very severe at St. John's Terrace.
Dr. L. considers it con-
-nected with the liver -

and part & parcel of what was
the matter with her before
she went on the Continent.
He considers she has run down
and must be built up.
What frightened me so much
on Wednesday night, was what
seemed like choking in the
throat - a quantity of phlegm
that would not come up. I
had a fire in her room, &
slept with her, to watch her.
I longed for you to advise
me. I would have sent for a
Doctor at hand - but Dr. Bright
is very ill - a carbuncle in
the back of the neck - that
has been operated on - his
wife fears blood poisoning
because he has been engaged
in some nasty operations.

and Dr. Plowman is acting
for him, and has been to
see the Sages, who are
all on the sick list, with
influenza colds. As I lay
pondered in the night
shivering with fear, I
thought & thought, I
wished you were at home
to advise me. I knew she
couldn't like Dr. Plowman
- so young - and I re-
membered what Mrs. Moses
said of Dr. Grayling. In the
morning I went to Mrs.
Glyde, to get a little con-
-solation in my trouble.
Afterwards I wrote to Dr.
Lockhart, telling him exactly
all I thought about Jane

This morning came a reply²
from him - telling me about
the nephew. I sent off im-
mediately a post card, begging
him not to come under
the circumstances, &
that Jane was much
better. However he came
off before it arrived.

He says he will come again
on the ~~Arada~~ Wednesday
or the Thursday before
Christmas Day, which
is on a Friday. In
the mean time I am
to go on with his

orders. I see no immediate
occasion to go to Dr. Fagge
We can do it after you
come home, if it seems
advisable. The urgency
has passed - It was the
aspection of the throat that
frightened me. It seems
to come on with fatigue
and exhaustion. I kept
her in bed all day yes-
terday - fire in the
room - slept with
her two nights to watch
her. Today also tell
the doctor came.

She came down stairs
to tea. She soon gets
exhausted. I must now
see about her going to
bed. — I will return to
my own room tonight.
But I am determined
to continue to tyrannize
over Jane, who rebels
against my authority.
A letter from Robert
tonight — news still
good. — Thank the Lord.

I trust, my darling,
you keep pretty well.
The Lord preserve you
from all evil.

Yours loving mother
M R tt

I suppose you got the portion
I sent you of the Medical
Press - By some means
it had got into the kitchen
& Emma had destroyed the
rest - but do order a new
copy if you wish it.

1511
12 Wyndell Road
Forest Hill

Sunday

My dear Johnny

~~Aug 75~~
July 75

We went to see Dr. Wilks yesterday. He confirmed my worst fears. He says there can be no doubt that consumption has begun. He said, if it were a child of his own he should have the greatest anxiety. He said if a young man were in the case, a voyage might set him up - but he did not recommend it for her - I can't see he considered it might be a

rick. He was very kind Jane doesn't want to
- we liked him very much leave me - but she
He said he did not think much - you must
of medicine so much write & use some good
as of good food & good air argument in favour
but he gave me a pre- of it. Dr. Wilks did not
scription, which I will remember about us
get made up to-morrow - he had lost your note
She is to have everything & could not find it -
nourishing & stimulants but he seemed to recall
- which he is not an advocate for, as a rule, it in a measure, after
but in this case he advised them. He likes a while. He would not
Ipsbridge Wells as a take my fee, & said he
dry & bracing place - would see you from
and for the winter time to time & talk about
Bournemouth. Jane. We had to wait
an hour in the room

where patients wait.
He examined her chest
only, but seemed at
once to understand the
case. He seemed to have
some idea who your
Father was - I did not
volunteer the information
but he asked me if
he was not a medical
man. He knows Dr
Lockhart. We had cabs
- from here to Forest Hill
station & from Victoria
to Grosvenor Street &
back - it is a long way -
We stopped at Gypsy
Hill on our way back

to spend the rest of ^{15/2} (2)
the day at Dr Collins.
From Forest Hill station
home she so strongly
objected to a cab, that
I foolishly yielded to her
& we walked home -
but I must be more
decided. I give in
so much. - We have
not gone out today.
Aunt Eliza has just
called, & given us a
most interesting description
of the sermon at the
Scotch church this morn.
She enjoyed it so much.
Dr Wilks sent Jane

to the waiting room, while with Hood - I was just
he talked to me alone, going to say no, when
I have not told her all she said yes! I was
he said - but I told startled & distressed
her this much - that That was about twice
he said one lung is quite at Ventnor, & once
sound & great part of the since she came home.
other - (now) - I did I have noticed that the
not say to her now - He did not speak hopefully
He did not speak hopefully expectoration is much
to me - but pleasantly less than it was, but
& cheerfully to her - altered in character
but he admitted that - green -
the disease may be I wrote to Dr. Lockhart
arrested & sometimes on Friday evening - I
is. He asked if the send you a copy of my
expectoration was some letter - tear it up -
times streaked a little

He called while we were
out - told Emma he was
sorry Jane was out
~~while~~ such a day - I wrote
the note which I enclose.

I saw Mrs Punnett
as I came home - she
was looking very poorly.
He said he was going to
see you this evening.

I sent in to Mrs Sulgrove
in the evening to ask how
Mr Judson was - she said
he was a good deal better
in the morning, but was
bad again then. I have
not heard today. I believe
Dr Habershaw only went

the once that I told ^{15/3} (3)
you of.

I am writing surrep-
tiously in my room
- not wanting dear Jane
to know what I have said.

Goodbye -

God bless & keep you.

Your most loving
Mother MRT

April 12th - 16

Dear John.

We have just
received a note from
Forest Hill, giving us the
pleasing & welcome
intelligence of your having
passed your examination
this. I trust that

a line by return of
post, to congratulate
you;—you must feel
very happy today in
having the reward of
labours, and I have
no doubt sometimes
wonder how, and
those around you

share in this feeling
of respectation & pleasure,
as they also would have
done, had you been
disappointed. - It will
encourage you in your
future efforts, success
will I feel assured still
attend you, especially
if you "trust in the
Lord with all your heart

and learn not to
form our understanding
He who gives us help
power we possess, can
also help us in
their diligent culture.
May you share all
be enriched with the
highest blessings, which
will give much joy to
you all with love

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To my dear Son —
from his loving Mother
— a bit of Science
and a bit of literature —

Fact & Fiction Combined,
God bless my dear Son
and help him to dive
into the wonderful

works of the Lord -
and to see the Hand
of God in history.

"All Thy works praise
Thee, O Lord" —



ishing you Birthdays
many and happy too.

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Dr. J. M. Hobson