

## **Letters from her step-daughter Jane Abbay Hobson**

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on the top of one of the hills which commanded a beautiful view of both land and sea. The shops and one most in the town are most tempting, chiefly the jewellers, there are such a number and variety of pretty and handsome ornaments and other things made of malachite and different kinds of stones. Winter is the most fashionable time, although at present it is more so than Teignmouth. I thank you for your kind notes. I am glad my dress is finished. I wish I could have brought it with me, as I am rather short. With you thank Mrs Wells for me next time you write, you did not mention the name of the book. Aunt Ursula provides famously, we have not need to go to market. Mr Campit does it for us. This is Obery. Mrs C made a mistake and put an e. We hope to reach Taunton about 4 o'clock on time for tea. I am going to bathe tomorrow as I have not done so since Friday. I don't think we can have our ride this time there seem to be no horses. I hope Johnny is improving, sea bathing will make him quite strong & you too Nedema. Robert is well I suppose. Papa was rather sorry I think that he did not bring him. I suppose you will have seen Mr Rosier I got to send anything by him. Papa is going over to Dawlish tomorrow, it is only 3 miles from here (Mrs W's place). It is 12 o'clock and I must close, as Papa proposes going to bed. I thank you very much for thinking about my coming home. I enjoy myself very much I am glad we are not at home. I remain your attached daughter. (H. A. L. I hope you are no mistake)

July 28<sup>th</sup> 1859.

My dear Mama

We have had such a delightful day at Torquay. I wish you had been with us. It is a charming place so beautiful is the sea there, the hills also are very lovely. We were there about five hours<sup>in</sup> which we did a great deal; we had tipping soon after we arrived, which consisted of three ices (6 each) and some buns, which we liked very much, after that we commenced walking, which we found to be a good deal, (as Torquay is very little) we sat down. \* I saw took nothing with us except some biscuits.

Wednesday morning I received your note this morning  
dear Mamma and shall do as you wish about the silk  
jacket. I am so glad Johnny is so much better, he  
will be getting quite well soon I hope. Papa will  
write to Mr. Stacy today I think, oh, I hope he has  
got the keys. I want my work box so much.  
Having no news to communicate I am Yours lovingly  
The A. J.  
We all had a very good night after the fatigues  
of yesterday

Yours from  
Highworth  
July 27 - 1859



Beddington, near Lewkesbury  
28<sup>th</sup> Feb 1862.

Dear Mother.

4.30 P.M. We have

just returned from a stroll  
over our hills which we have  
much enjoyed. By we of course  
I mean Lissie & myself.

We were in nice time this morn-  
ing for the train without hurrying,  
but we did not meet the gig  
till we <sup>had</sup> walked about 1/2 mile  
from Ashchurch Station.

As we had a guest in Lissie,  
~~we~~ dinner was served in the



sitting room but tomorrow I expect in the Kitchen as usual.

Most likely Lissie will return home to-morrow by the train which arrives at Cheltenham at 4.1 P.M. She is however enjoying herself very much here I think, and I hope the change of air & scene will be beneficial to her.

Excuse ~~me~~ this bad writing but my fingers are somewhat stiff after our long walk.

Johnnie would so much like seeing the lambs there.

Your affectionate Son  
Ed. Hobson.

Jane & Stephen  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> '62

My dear Mama.

Stephen & I have just  
 returned from a <sup>glorious</sup> scramble  
 Mr. Tiddington Hill you  
 know there is never a  
 sweet without a bitter &  
 so we found it this morn-  
 ing, for in trying  
 to leap over a prickly hedge  
 my crinoline caught &  
 I was suspended as it  
 were in mid air, as  
 Mahomet's tomb is reported  
 to have done.

I have enjoyed myself



unacceptably so far, Steve  
has taken me all over  
the farm & I have been  
watching Chaff cut by  
a steam engine.

Stephen's bedroom is a  
very nice one much  
superior than the one  
you occupied at Hill  
Farm.

I think it would be  
quite advisable to get  
Chase me a new crumple  
of my present one is in  
a shocking condition  
part of it being in Ste-  
phen's pocket.

Yours



10m. journey from York

My dear Mamma

I would have posted a letter at York but when I arrived there I had my luggage to look after & my ticket to get & a seat in the proper train to secure all in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour, so that I had not much time for any thing else, even if I had remembered it wh: I did not do at first. My ticket was 13<sup>s</sup> so that I had quite money enough to pay my way. As to what has be

Come of that - 10<sup>d</sup> you gave  
me last night - & wh; I be-  
lieve was in my purse  
this morning - is a mys-  
tery, I think it must  
have dropped out in  
the waiting room at Chel-  
tenham I suppose you  
did not think of looking,  
I am sorry that it is  
missing I hope you were  
not worried by the idea  
that I should not have  
money enough, I comforted  
myself with the favourite  
 motto What cannot be



Cured I must be endured  
So far my journey have  
been exceedingly plea-  
sant, very agreeable com-  
pany all the way from  
Worcester to Derby I  
had a glass of ale whi-  
was given me by a  
pleasant farmer who  
had travelled in the  
same carriage he &  
his niece went into  
the Upshams. I then  
to get something &  
I accompanied them  
& that is how I came by  
the ale. I have finished



one packet of snuff wice  
Bill of fare  
Ale 1 glass  
Sand: 1 packet  
sweets 2 —  
Range  $\frac{1}{2}$  Given me just now  
We have had a good deal  
of rain chiefly in Derby  
shire. For the last hour  
the rain has come down  
in torrents. Tell Miss &  
Mrs that - her book has  
been most acceptable  
We have past Darlington  
ton it is now about  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6. Sunday afternoon  
I am sorry I could not  
post this yesterday but I  
hope you were not anx-  
ious at not receiving it

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3/2

My cousin Millie met me  
at the station in a pouring  
rain & we drove on  
to this house at once  
where Aunt & Uncle were  
ready to receive me. The  
Miss Stevensons were taking  
tea with friends but Lou  
followed. The weather  
is much colder than at  
Cheltenham & I am afraid  
my light things will be  
of little use. I have not  
yet seen Grandma as  
she was not out at  
Chapel this morning.  
Aunt Uncle & Cousin are  
all well the latter has  
grown very much since



I last saw him he told  
me that Mr. Payne intends  
giving up his school after  
Midsummer & two of his  
teachers will carry it on.  
Tell Papa that Miss  
Stevensons mother Mr  
Tom S. has just settled  
in Bradford after passing  
remarkably well thro' his  
College course. This is  
rather a dull day, pour-  
ing to rain every now  
& then. With love to all  
I remain your affectionate  
daughter Jane Hobson  
June 7th



Cheltenham — 9.31  
 Birmingham ar. 11.10  
 do — — — — — depar. 11.30  
 Derby — — — — — ar.: — 12.55  
 do. — — — — — depart. 1.15  
 Normanton arr.: — 3.10  
 do — — — — — depart. — 3.25  
 York — — — — — ar.: — 4.15  
 do — — — — — depart. — 4.30  
 Sunderland ar. — 7.44

Jane's Route  
&  
Times of Travel  
June 1853

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Jane  
No. 1

June 8<sup>th</sup> -  
1863



June 9<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear Mamma.

Many thanks for your two letters received yesterday morning & this morning, it is very good of you to write so soon.

I forgot to mention that Mary Ruby met me at the station & very glad I was to see her, we walked about the plat-form & then went into the waiting room. I was rather amused when I asked her if my train



was punctual & she asser-  
ed that it was five min-  
utes late, this showed no  
discrepancy on the part of  
the engine driver, but may  
be traced to Miss Mary's  
letter to Mary wherein she  
stated for safety's sake that  
my train would reach B  
at 11.5. Mary was looking  
as usual. She had on  
the hat with green veils  
which she figured in  
Cheltenham but how  
very much the worse for  
use. One of the passengers  
said to me "what a nice  
looking girl that - was" I think



I had better repeat that remark  
as it may raise Mr's self esteem  
You are under a wrong  
impression when you thought  
how tired I was after my journey,  
I did not feel it in the  
least, the only disagreeable  
part was changing at Leam  
side in the wet & then  
getting into a carriage which  
was a striking contrast  
to those I had had all  
the way previously, but  
the distance from Leam  
side to Sunderland was  
not considerable & so it  
was soon over.

Let me add to the "Sparrows  
breakfast" another packet  
of sandwiches & a Maca



soon the other was given  
to the lady who offered me  
part of her range. I have  
not yet seen Grandma,  
for yesterday we were en-  
gaged to spend the day  
with Aunt Patt (arrange-  
ments all made before I came)  
but before we started she  
sent word to say that we  
must defer the visit on  
account of indisposition  
of herself & baby. With this  
engagement put off I could  
not call on Grandma be-  
cause of the weather, rain, rain  
all the day until after tea  
when it cleared up suffi-  
ciently to allow Billie &  
I to take a walk to the



water-works, the water,  
which is contained in a  
deep well & is pumped up  
into a reservoir when want-  
ed, supplies both this town  
& Shields. The well is on  
the side of a hill & the  
grounds around the prem-  
ises are very tastefully laid  
out, & the view from the  
gardens is really fine, I  
had no idea that Sunder-  
land could boast of any  
scenery. & Mary Stevenson  
& I had arranged to call  
on Grandmā this morn-  
ing but a thunder storm  
has just come on whi-  
ch will prevent us I am afraid  
This evening some foggy



Ladies are coming in to  
tea. + The account of R's  
Attempt at the Church ca-  
techism is one of the best  
jokes I have heard. Suppose  
she was ashamed to  
own that he had never  
learned it. I wonder how  
Burrell got on. + Aunt  
Thackray was very much  
pleased with her present.  
Do you not think that  
I had better take one of  
cups out of the cabinet  
& give it to Mrs Stevenson  
for her Daughters saw the  
presents to Aunt Thackray  
& the box for Aunt Pratt  
Uncle Thackray left us yes-  
terday morning, for a day



or two, he has gone to the  
neighbourhood of Hull.

Johnny would like being  
here there are ducks, chick  
ens a cow & horse, besides  
a garden.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> The weather  
cleared up sufficiently to  
allow of my calling on  
Grandma. I found her not  
much altered, her deafness  
has increased & she has  
lost the sight of one  
eye. yet she does not wear  
spectacles except for read-  
ing &c. She still occupies  
the house in Tatham St.  
which I should think she  
must find very dull. As  
she has no companions



but a servant we are all  
to take tea with her on  
Friday evening. Stephen's tray  
was sent to Grandmamma by  
a servant. Aunt Thrackray  
thought it was beautiful.  
Today is as wet as ever I  
wonder when it will really  
be a fine day. My cousins  
are busily engaged with  
the outfit. Mary goes out  
to Australia about the  
end of the year she is  
to be married out there.  
We had a game of char-  
acters yesterday i.e. one of  
the party describes an his-  
torical or fictitious charac-  
ter & the rest guess who it is.  
We have an engagement  
on Thursday evening so that



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This week is pretty well  
filled up.

If you should see Ann-  
by Belle please tell her  
that I had intended to  
send her my likeness  
on her birthday (last-  
Thursday) but they were  
disposed of before I  
had time to recollect  
myself almost, so she  
must wait a little long-  
er.

Aunt has just been  
telling me about Mrs Jay  
or Mr James Taylor's mo-  
ther whom we just  
saw, if you remember.



it appears that that  
she kept a school in  
Yonk & my brother went  
to it, it was a very good  
school.

With love to all.

I remain

Your Affectionate

Jane A. Hobson.

Grandma Luther

Very regards.

June 11 - 1863

No. 2

Jane



June  
No. 3

5/1

June 16<sup>th</sup>  
June 13<sup>th</sup> / 63.

My dear Mama.

Many thanks for your  
new letter received this  
morning. In my last epis-  
tle to you, I mentioned the  
deferment of our visit to  
Aunt Patt; on Wednesday  
morning about one or two  
o'clock, she sent her waga-  
ette to carry us off at once  
to spend the afternoon  
with her, & as soon as  
we could get our thin  
new shawls, off we started  
in a very unpleasant  
rain, which we did



Not much mind as <sup>long</sup> as  
Umbrellas made us al-  
most invisible, after a  
long ride thro' a most  
unpleasant part of the town  
infested with active Chin-  
amen & other evils connected  
with a sea port town, we  
arrived at our destina-  
tion, the house is mean  
& shockingly situated.  
I found Aunt Pratt look-  
ing very pale & thin &  
dejected, this arises from  
her own poor health &  
that of the baby, who may  
be seriously ill <sup>for</sup> he coughs  
all day long & is very thin,  
altho' in the face he



Looks pretty well, the Doctor says he is suffering from liver complaint. Aunt Thackray thinks he has not sufficient nourishment as milk disagrees with it; & now it is only fed on biscuit & water. The other three children look healthy & are full of spirits, but very unmanageable, they appear to do just as they like, this state of things arising I think from the state of Aunt's health. She feels it to be too great an exertion to reprove them or rather to keep them in



order & Mr P is out of the house all day at his office, he is very good natured & kind but very unpolished & Aunt often feels ashamed of him (unnecessarily I think) Aunt said something about my staying with her but I hardly think I can while the baby is so ill she was much pleased with Stephen's present. Before tea Willie joined us having driven down in the May, we remained till nine o'clock. Mary Ellen now was rather nervous about trusting herself to Willie's driving, for the



5/2  
May said <sup>2</sup> she would like  
to take me back with  
her to N. H. After the  
Green Hammonston flower  
show that takes place  
in September, to this  
proposition I merely  
laughed altho' she meant  
it in earnest.

Have you heard about  
the places in College yet.  
I hope Fanny will not  
be dis-appointed it was  
this time last year  
when I experienced the  
horrors of being "plucked"  
but her fall will not  
be half so bad. As mine  
I ought to write to her  
I will some day I have



So many correspondents  
now. I received S. M.

Brown's letter & say thank  
her for it but I cannot

promise to write again  
Has Annie left, what do  
you think of her? I hope

soon. It is better she  
must have been home  
soon to take such a

delicate ship. I hope Robt  
has done college work

with a fine determination  
when to win the prize

I have just finished the  
"Lumina" by Mrs Good

A very nice book & one  
that Robt would like

How are you all I hope  
Dad is prospering I am sure  
he would be of some use



of Rainton - is married, she has  
wedded a French man, the up-  
trials took place last last year  
in Exhibition time, in London.  
I am so sorry I did not bring my  
silk jacket & the the muslin vest.  
Please get to know how Anne G.  
acquitted herself & I. Dr. Pri at the  
Nat. Science Exam: & if you could  
get a copy of the questions, but don't  
trouble about it. What an honour  
for Dr. Brown to be presented, I wonder  
whether the Prince knew that he was  
a dissenter. I am delighted to hear  
that Miss Evans is well, I hope she  
has forgiven my offer of a straight-  
coat. Aunt Thackeray said that she  
had intended to ask Beekie to Hunter-  
Hall after the Miss S had left, but she  
was afraid it must be left open for a  
few days, on account of her going  
to Cambridge, of course I should like her  
to come I so would Lillie. I am afraid  
it is useless asking Mary S to visit us,  
as she has many places to go to before she  
leaves & I expect she will be glad of  
a little rest. At the end of this month  
she won't be far from Cheltenham  
for the friends visiting in Malvern.

No.

61. Tatham St.

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June 1, July 25<sup>th</sup>  
1863

June 17<sup>th</sup> / 63

My dear Maude

Your letter this morning was very  
welcome, altho' hardly expected, it  
came to hand at that time when  
I started in the way for this house.  
The Miss Stevensons left us on Mon-  
day about one o'clock. Aunt went  
down with them into town to do  
a few errands, about five o'clock and  
Uncle Abbey came we had, among  
a host of other good things, a lot  
of sugar, especially for Uncle S who  
is extremely partial to fish. Aunt  
Abbey was very loquacious which  
was rather a relief to my other Aunt  
who continued to feel the effects of  
the morning's letter, both Uncle & Aunt  
kindly pressed me to visit them.  
The next morning I was up about  
1/2 past 5 in order to be ready to see  
Aunt off. I had asked Lillie to call  
on me but when it began to be light  
I thought I had better not depend on  
together upon him & so it turned out  
for when Aunt called him the 2nd  
time he had only just got up,



At 7 o'clock we were driving to the station, I pleasant it was driving in my new vehicle at that hour. In the station we met Uncle & Aunt Abby, who would travel part of the way with Aunt Willie also would accompany her, as he was going to inspect some time how Mr. Uncle Throckmayer thought of buying the first time he has been in such a capacity. After seeing them off Uncle & I returned to a quiet breakfast soon afterwards he went to his office & I had to amuse myself, which was not at all difficult. As he had promised to drive me home in the afternoon to Grand Ma's & therefore there was a little packing to be done Aunt lent me a small box for the purpose. She is a wonderful packer I dare say Aunt Eliza can tell you how she stowed two Mules & various other articles into a box which would not hold a bonnet when on a bed to reading. After dinner my 4 o'clock the rain made its appearance & soon rained all night so that I could not come here, Uncle & I amused our

selves with gazettes & then with talking & working until bed time. <sup>Reading</sup> Before dinner Grandma directed me to a shoe shop, where I invested 13.6 in a pair of new kid boots, in trying to find the shop I strayed down to the docks, on my return I encountered Aunt Pratt in the waygonette. She had been to see Grandma, she still wishes me to stay with her, I dare say I shall go to Southwick next week. There was not letter from Aunt this morning, I dare say she was too late to write, her train would not reach Cambridge until 2 past 6, a long journey for her I don't know when she will return. I only hope she saw Mrs Palmer alive. Grandma has just come down & shares from talking a little. Ah, she is knitting me a scarlet wollen scarf to wear under a jacket in winter just the thing I have been wanting, she reads a great deal, she read last summer the "Rise & Fall of the Dutch Republic" & the "United Netherlands" & other books of a similar character. Please tell Aunt that Mrs Taylor of Paris with whom Aunt W. lodged, who is the niece of Mrs Stevenson,



I shall try to write to S. M. Brown as soon as I have been over some of the Manufactories, in the mean time would you kindly ask her for the address of the man who copied photographs for a certain sum & would you mind sending <sup>one</sup> of my portraits to him, as I shall want half a dozen if I intend asking my friends for theirs. I hope Robert will be rewarded for his pains, a prize in his situation is worth trying for, I wish he had such an appetite as Willie who every morning drinks a tinful of milk, he is then helped to a good slice of ham & ends with two eggs, if they are on the table, besides bread & butter & beer, this rate of fare is not too much for a lad six feet one in height who is occupied all the morning & forenoon in measuring timber &c. &c.

I am much more in the town now, which for some things is an advantage, altho' the country is much sicker. Rain again. I wonder when it will entirely cease. I am sure it has done enough good to the country



by this time. I am sure Johnnie  
would be delighted with the live  
stock. At Kuller's Hall there is a  
Polish cock with a fine tuft of  
braving feathers on the top of his  
head, it looks to me like a proud  
colonel strutting about the yard.  
The Miss Woodleys have left Sun-  
derland & gone to some bleak jaw  
name of a place. Mr. Tarrant a  
billiard 10 miles distant the elder  
only keeps a school there, the  
younger is with his brother in  
Tarrant & writes for his paper.  
They moved from the house  
opposite to this one & took a  
fine large one near the Park whi-  
ch did not seem to answer & so they  
left the town altogether.

Friday morning to past 7 a.m. Yesterday  
afternoon Willie came in to tea &  
afterwards we had a long walk  
to the Rocks & the pier, we sat  
down upon the former & watch-  
ed the ships in the distance  
& the steamers tugging in others  
into port, at the entrance was  
moored an unwieldy looking



affair that was engaged in dragging  
land from the sea & throwing it  
into boats that were alongside, this  
was to lessen the bar which was  
forming at the mouth of the "weir".  
Then we went over beach, or a  
great portion of the rocks, where  
I was initiated into some of the  
mysteries of ship building. I then  
saw a lesson it was, as I still  
retain my liking for all nauti-  
cal affairs. On our way to the sea  
we had called at the post office  
to see whether there was a letter  
from Aunt (there is no afternoon  
delivery at N. Hall), fortunately there  
was, she had a pleasant jour-  
ney & found Mrs. Palmer alive &  
likely to live a short time longer.  
Yesterday I had to fight single  
handed against Grandma & Uncle  
in favour of the Allopathic system.  
Uncle said that he had little  
faith in homeopathy & none  
in the old system, Grandma  
believes in it because she has  
derived so much good from  
using it, at last we agreed to  
disagree.



Grandma is a fine old lady, she retains her faculties so well, in the morning & evening I read out of the Bible & then she prays extemporaneously very well indeed. She also goes into the kitchen & makes puddings & pies, we are to manufacture some toffee to-day. Yesterday I bought a pair of wood slippers to work for her she is in need of a pair & will be pleased to have them. I have just finished granddaddy an immense pair for Uncle. Please put the enclosed into my old album it does not do G justice.

Tell Johnny that on Tuesday when Uncle went to look for eggs he found 21 laid by the hens since the preceding day. I am afraid this will put him out of conceit with his one egg every 2 days, how are chickens <sup>they</sup> faring they will have forgotten me by this time I fear. My love to you all from your affected Nephew  
J. A. Hobson. I have no. ill my money here, so cannot recow, I am afraid I shall want some more



the en-  
closed  
by the in-  
of Grand  
Love to  
all.  
Yours  
Papa  
Gellerton

7/1

June, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863  
Tatham St

My Dear Mamma

On my return last evening  
from Southwick I found a  
budget of home letters awaiting  
me. They were most acceptable  
as you may imagine. I think,  
respecting the examination  
paper that I could have answer-  
ed most of the questions, as se-  
veral of them were familiar  
before I began attending Dr's  
lectures, but I must not boast.  
Aunt Pratt has been very kind  
to me in trying to make my  
visit agreeable, & I think she would  
be much gratified if you could  
send her a line or two in  
acknowledgment; in yr. next  
letter would you kindly enclose  
one of Stephen's photos as Aunt  
Pratt would extremely like to have  
one. I went over to Southwick  
on Monday about 12 o'clock,  
a servant carrying my goods &  
chattels in a leather bag, the walk  
there, about a mile & a half is  
most disagreeable, by a road



lined on one side by active chim-  
neys & workmen's cottages thro'  
the openings of which is visible  
the crowded river below, & on  
the other a few green fields  
studded here & there with some  
old fashioned windmills. When  
I arrived at the house Aunt Jane  
gave me a kindly welcome & after an  
early dinner (between 12 & one)  
I had a drive to Kilton Castle,  
supposed to have been built  
in the time of Edward III, the  
walls are inhabited, but the  
centre of the building is too de-  
capitated for any use. The next  
day I had another drive, when  
I saw the cemetery & Grandpapa's  
tomb, this burying ground  
is nicely situated, quite in the  
country & with a view of the sea  
in the distance, on a quiet  
day the ripple of the waves  
may be heard distinctly; from  
thence Ralph showed me to the  
burn where exists the most  
beautiful expanse of sea &  
sands that could be desired,  
so I thought that sunbathing



afternoon, as in a state of languid  
enjoyment I watched the waves  
break with their white caps on  
the beach, the ships waiting  
in the distance for the turn  
of the tide & a party of <sup>scattered</sup> little boys  
dabbling in the water, the sea  
here is far superior to what  
you intend to enjoy, it has a  
real blue & green colour & there  
are no mud banks. The vil-  
lage of Whitburn is a lovely  
representative of its kind, it  
would be just the place for you  
to come to if the distance were  
not so far. In the evening  
I went with Willie Pratt to the  
fields down to the river's side  
where the view is very pretty.  
In my last letter I said that the  
situation of Aunt Pratt's house  
was anything but agreeable &  
so it appeared the first time I  
was there, but on a fine clear  
day the view in a direct line  
from the dining room  
window is really very pretty  
the river clear of smoke & other  
nuisances winds along by the



banks of green fields that slope  
down to meet it. Aunt Pratt  
& the children are anything but  
well they all have bad coughs  
& colds Johnny especially has  
a very bad. Croupy cough, they  
are all going to Harrogate this  
week & for that purpose Uncle  
went over yesterday to seek lodg-  
ings, Grandma is going to tra-  
vel with them, as she goes on  
a visit to Knarsbro' & I shall  
leave this house on Monday  
to re-proceed to Hunter's Hall, when  
Aunt Shackray returns. By the  
last account Mrs Palmer was slight-  
ly better so that she may still  
tally. I am sorry Robert has no  
prize but I hope he will see from  
this disappointment that he must  
try from the beginning. Please  
tell Aunt that Stephen's book ar-  
rived safely he acknowledges the  
receipt of it in his note to me.  
I am glad you enjoyed the learn-  
ing I dare say you would know  
by sight almost every one pre-  
sent who delivered the speeches  
anyone that I know?



The last time I saw Miss Baxter's handkerchief it was hanging on the towel horse by the shower bath. I intended to remind you of it before I left, but forgot to do so. Al. + The drag is like a dog cart, with four wheels, a seat with two in front & a similar one for two behind, so that the passengers sit back to back, rather a dangerous vehicle, especially for children, but it is light for the horse. A waggone is more suitable for children.

Uncle & Aunt Pratt have just been here to tell Grandma when they're for Harrogate. Aunt gave me a fine Cambric handkerchief with little holes all round, it is very kind of her & quite unlooked for on my part. Also Grandma has given me three shillings to buy a pair of gloves. I should like you to send to the London Photographic Co for some of my photos I believe they will be quite as good as if executed by Newcombe. I saw that the warm weather



has set in I don't care for the jacket  
I think there is an excuse for  
Rebecca in this point of view,  
At least judging by my own  
feelings, the more pleasure one  
has the more one desires to  
have, the same so feeling that  
even tho' everything never fully  
satisfied with the present. Grand  
Ma no doubt feels the disappoint-  
ment greatly. As Aunt has put  
off her visit so often, besides be-  
ing disappointed by Miss Colli-  
son not accepting her invitation.  
By coming to Sunderland seem  
suddenly to have entered a new  
phase of society, not only are  
the manners & habits of the peo-  
ple different but the relation-  
ships are changed, nearly every  
one is an Uncle Aunt or Cousin  
here, when I say Uncle to any  
of my friends I have to attach  
the surname thereto, or else I  
would be miss understood, I  
shall be utterly at sea when  
I get into Yorkshire for there they  
abound to a yetter degree. Please put



Jane  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863 July 2 / 63

My dear Mamma

I am so sorry that I forgot the date of your birthday but if you will forgive my neglect & accept my best wishes for your welfare I shall in some measure be satisfied with myself. The idea had never entered into my head until the receipt of Aunt's letter. Had you many presents & what were they? I am sorry I have not anything to send you



Must take the "will for the  
Need" however unsatisfac-  
tory that may be.

I am enjoying myself  
here very much. This morn-  
ing I went down to the  
Station to see Grandma,  
the Pratts off. G was there  
& so were the others in  
full time, so that we  
all could sit in the  
carriage & talk. G has not  
been at all well during  
the last week. She suf-  
fers from giddiness &  
pain in the side. I hope  
a change will do her  
good. She added to her

list of presents, a pair of  
scissors & a bead brooch  
made at Constantinople  
& a thimble - box in  
shape of an acorn made  
out of the wood of the  
old Yorkminster which  
was burnt. Talking of pre-  
sents reminds me of two  
I received from Aunt Thack-  
ray, a tortoiseshell comb  
like mine but much better  
(for the back of the hair) &  
a collar. I think I am  
the most lucky girl for  
having presents. I suppose  
you have begun pack-  
ing for a departure, what



is the place fixed upon.  
I went out to tea last  
night to a family of the  
name of Halers, friends of  
Grandma's & tomorrow  
night I am going with Aunt  
Housie to some other  
friends house.

This has been such a  
changeable day raining  
& sunning alternately.

My love to Papa, Robert  
& Johnny to all my other  
relations.

Yours affectly

Maughter

Hunter's Fall J. A. Hobson



Jane, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
1863

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July 9<sup>th</sup> 1863.

My dear Mamma

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two letters, the first dated June 2<sup>nd</sup> enclosed Johnny's likeness which of course I was very much astonished to see. I think it is a good one on the whole but does not quite do him justice, what do you think?

What a sad thing the death of Edgar Stevenson Cox, how Mrs Cox will feel it, I suppose you know by this time the cause of his death.

So you have gone to Burnham at last I hope you will like the place in spite of the drawback of bad attendance, it is nice for the Boys having friends in the place.

I was interested with the news



of Mrs Corby's Marriage, Among  
the list of bridesmaids it is men-  
tioned Miss F. Tickells & Miss  
Mr F, it is the latter name  
that I don't understand, for  
I believe there are only two  
daughters in the family.

Said you notice in the same  
paper the success of William  
Cozfield at Casakh? how pleased  
his mother must be.

What a nice trip Papa seems  
to have had into Hampshire  
I am sure Mrs Snow would  
give him a hearty welcome.

On Monday Aunt kindly took  
me over to Newcastle we re-  
lived there about one o'clock  
saw over the Museum a very  
interesting collection, the town  
hall, market place &c, & saw  
some of the principal streets  
a Roman Catholic chapel & a  
the interior of a shop, then



we drove to the house of some  
friends of Aunt's where we had  
tea & where we were treated  
with the greatest hospitality,  
after that meal was over Willie  
& I called forth to see some  
more of the town & he wished  
to buy a parting present for  
Mary Stevenson, fortunately he  
hit with just the thing, it  
was a dark wood box orna-  
mented with white outside  
& the interior lined with vel-  
vet & containing three glass scent  
bottles, the whole affair cost 23s  
(I am sure I don't know what  
to give her, Sunderland is a  
very bad place for meeting  
with any inexpensive pretty  
present.) We returned home  
by the nine train & then walk-  
ed up from the station pre-  
ty well tired.

Yesterday afternoon Uncle Moore



Aunt & I went to make a call three miles from here, it was such a lovely afternoon & the houses we passed thro' were so pretty that it was a charming drive. Such a contrast to my morning's walk thro' the dusty & smoky hot town. I've seem to like to live in a scene of contrasts. Don't you think so?

Our program for today is to visit Durham we start about one & return in the evening it is very kind of Aunt to take me about so, for it cannot be much pleasure to her to visit places she has been so often before & besides these journeyings are not performed without much fatigue to her. I wish you knew Aunt Shack. I say she is often so amusing can tell such interesting stories about persons & things.



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It is so Clever about the house  
she is a wonderful woman  
for getting this work & learning  
to do things so well I should  
think she was very different  
from my Mother, the latter  
attracted every one who saw  
her she had no less than 4  
offers, but she was not so ac-  
tive as Aunt, & disliked manual  
labour.

Last Saturday I had such a  
delightful row up the river  
Willie & a man pulled & I  
steered we started about 3  
o'clock & were home about  
10 P.M. & we went about 25  
miles, the further we went  
up the river the prettier the  
banks looked, we had tea  
in an inn at 6 o'clock & after  
rambling about the village  
we took our places in the  
Hobbin



boat & came back again, such  
a number of boats passed us  
of all kinds & descriptions several  
of the boats were musically  
inclined so were treated with  
melodious strains Perhaps you  
will be surprised to hear that  
I was quite complimented on  
my good steering by some  
friends of Gillies, but there  
is not much credit for it is  
extremely easy to guide a  
small boat.

The enclosed needs no com-  
ment I answered it the day  
before yesterday accepting the  
invitation but leaving the  
time of my going as very  
uncertain I think I had better  
go there last of all.

I think I shall leave this  
next week probably to go to  
Painbow I intend writing



to Mrs Stevenson today  
Don't you think this is very  
pretty paper if you notice the  
pattern on each sheet is dif-  
ferent it was a present from  
Willie. I asked him to buy  
me some thin paper with  
lines but he could not obtain  
that, therefore he would not  
allow me to pay for this  
I have a variety of colours.  
Have you heard how the  
girls stand yet in the first  
class, how did Miss Gordon  
write her examination, well?  
We had such fun this morn-  
ing driving the old duck &  
her young brood into the  
pond. she looked like ~~an~~ an old  
school mistress with her young  
charges following close upon  
her, the little ducklings looked  
so pretty floating upon the



water for the first time in this  
life. Uncle has lately bought a  
young foal about 2 months  
old. He expects it will <sup>turn</sup> out a  
good horse in 3 or 4 years time  
it has some good blood.

If you see Miss Burrelle when  
you return to Cheltenham you  
might tell her that there is no  
doubt about my enjoying  
myself, when all my friends  
are so kind, I <sup>should</sup> be a misan-  
thrope not to feel the pleasure  
they intend giving.

If I go to Hull I must have some  
more money but I don't want  
it at present.

I shall direct this to Dr. Gordon  
as you mention in yr last  
a probability of moving.

How long is Aunt Darnock  
going to remain I suppose you  
told her that Aunt Y intended  
asking R. here. Love, Yours J. A.



June, Ramon  
Aug. 1 July 31<sup>st</sup> /63

My dear Maria,

I suppose you are  
either on your journey  
or about to commence  
it, a pleasant one to  
you. I was quite sur-  
prised to hear from  
Papier's letter that Anne  
is in Cheltenham, I  
hope she will be favour-  
ably impressed with  
the place, please introduce  
her to as many of my  
friends as you think  
she will like, the mo-



And in instance the  
Kates & Haggis & other  
graduates of the former  
detached from Liverpool  
I am sorry I shall not  
be able to see her for  
I see no chance of returning  
my home under another  
month. The boys  
would enjoy seeing her  
especially Johnnie, he  
wishes to have ducks  
& chickens in abundance  
last night were warm  
ing our feet by the  
fire when the  
little chicks that had  
been put to bed in  
a basket set up such



~~the~~ sleeping we could only  
~~stop~~ them by putting  
~~them~~ on the floor with  
~~some~~ bread, at first they  
~~could~~ hardly see the  
~~light~~ the candle way  
~~from~~ them so much.  
~~to~~ And I am come  
~~here~~ tomorrow evening  
~~which~~ I am very glad  
~~that~~ I am quite delight-  
~~ed~~ at the prospect of  
~~seeing~~ them, especially  
~~and~~ I suspect, he &  
~~my~~ are her favourite  
~~children~~ Altho' she makes  
~~them~~ a great deal  
~~of~~ others, she  
~~and~~ Janet are now



busy in the kitchen pre-  
paring for their reception  
I am glad you have  
enjoyed your sea side  
trip I hope it has done  
Robert especially a great  
deal of good, do you  
think he will keep up  
his friendship with the  
Gordon boys? Do you  
approve of my intended  
gift to Mary I could think  
of nothing else.

Sunderland has been very  
gay since I left, the Chan-  
nel fleet has been anchored  
in the roads & fêtes have  
been the result. My love  
to the "Square" circle? As well  
as the home one from  
your loving child. Anne



My love  
to all  
Your affec  
daughter  
J. A. H.

Jan., Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

Sunday Hill

August 7<sup>th</sup>

My dear Mamma

Fanny Richard and I in-  
tend spending the day at  
Hainton on Monday so that  
if you could send me the  
handkerchief by that morn-  
ing we could easily take  
it with us, if it is necessary  
to wash it I think Mrs. Brown  
had better do it, thank you  
for choosing it it.

I don't quite like the photo-  
of Grandmamma it is not her  
expression I think, I suppose  
it does not meet with Aunt  
Eliza's approbation

You mention that Aunt E.  
was just recovering from  
a fight but do not men-  
tion the fact, was Grandmamma  
nearly run over or some-



thing of a similar nature?  
I hope your little parties will  
pass off successfully you  
are placed in an awkward  
position & Annie too, for  
she is a stranger to them  
All, would not Miss May  
help to entertain the visi-  
tors when you see Miss May  
please say I have seen a  
friend of hers, Miss Colcott,  
a young lady who met her  
in Newport last Aug.

Peter Stevenson drove Janet  
Coliga, John, and me over here  
on Monday a distance of 9  
miles, after dinner the young  
folks ascended Grafton Hill an  
elevation not far from here  
after sitting some time en-  
joying the prospect we be-  
gan to be more lively, the  
gentlemen competing with  
each other in throwing stones  
& then we had races to hop-



ping one first where Janet  
was with the ladies, & then  
followed a running race, we  
all had such fun, in the  
evening Richard drove Tom  
to the cattle station where he  
proceeded to Bradford at which  
place he arrived at 11 o'clock  
but by no means could he  
get into the house at last  
he resorted to climbing in  
at the window & called a  
policeman to see his per-  
formance.

Tomorrow we three are going  
to Fountain's Abbey where we  
expect to meet Aunt and  
Willie Hackney they are going  
with all Uncle's men and  
a large party beside, if it is  
a fine day we shall enjoy  
ourselves I expect.

Tuesday was Quaresbo  
market day so Uncle drove  
Aunt and myself over.



we saw Grandma & Mrs William  
Abbey & Johning but not  
Uncle for he had gone to  
London, he rather wishes  
me to get my visit over  
at Bridlington Quay & then  
stay at Knaresbro' because as  
soon as he returns from  
London they remove to a  
new house.

I feel so sleepy, the result  
of having breakfast  
so early, the usual time  
is  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 but I am not  
awake until later

Jane & I are going to  
take tea with Mr. William  
he has asked me to stay  
a few days with him  
if invitations continue to  
increase you need not  
expect to see me home  
this year? I am glad you  
are all so much better for  
the sea side trip. I like  
the last photo. of Johning the best



June. Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>.  
1863

August 18<sup>th</sup> /63

My Dear Mother

Your daughter has been very neglectful, has she not, I am sure sundry grumblings about my not writing have found their way to the breakfast table.

The handkerchief came nicely to hand & met with much approbation, I do admire your choice & am glad that you expended more than I named. Uncle & Aunt went to Hull on Saturday, the latter in fact having gone the day previous by Uncle accompanying her as far as York, but he returned in the evening to start off again the next morning.

My cousin Drake's ex-capital housekeeper, she was busy from morning till night



Yesterday for it was washing  
day & the servant had to give  
her time expressly to it, so  
Janie made the bread, and  
kings pies &c. &c., these culin-  
ary operations are no joke  
in a farm house especial-  
ly in harvest time I had no  
idea before I came on this vis-  
it what a large amount of  
extra work the harvest en-  
tailed, there are so many  
extra mouths to fill & you  
can imagine how heartily  
working men eat, Mrs Richard  
Abbey said that last year  
she had so much meat to  
cook & eat up, that she was  
perfectly sick at the sight  
of meat, then there are the "wring-  
ings" to be measured out &  
sent to the men twice or  
thrice in the day, these can



sist of beer, bread & cheese; some  
times the land is let out to  
labourers who are paid by  
the quantity of ground that  
they clear, this plan saves  
much trouble for the people  
find their own victuals well  
I adopt this plan in a great  
measure, that is how he &  
Aunt could take a holiday  
in this busy season.

There is one great drawback  
here, viz. the inconvenience of  
the post. All the letters direct-  
ed to H. F. are left at Mr  
Thompson's Kirby Hall a dis-  
tance of two miles, Uncle as  
Mr. J. Steward goes to Kirby  
Hall nearly every day but he  
does not return until after  
noon & sometimes stays till  
till evening, if this is the  
case we cannot answer the



letters by return of post because  
the postman passes at 4 P.M.  
not close to the door we had  
to go thro two fields to meet  
him & if the weather is un-  
favourable it is very incon-  
venient, now there may be  
a letter from you this morn-  
ing which I shall not receive  
till night because I intend  
driving over to Hainton  
where we last visited the Ste-  
vensons I wanted the pocket  
handkerchief so Richard had  
to go all the way <sup>to Gusham</sup> to get it before  
we started.

We enjoyed our picnic so steadily  
very much, Aunt Anne & Eddie  
were all there besides num-  
bers of other Sunderland friends,  
500 people took advantage of the  
cheap train most of them would  
be working people. Aunt Sarah



James

Aug. 22.

My dear Anna

I merely have time  
to write & inform you  
of my movements

I am going tomorrow  
to Bridlington

so please address me  
there, the direction is  
Lt. Marshall Esq., Brid-

lington Lucy, Yorkshire

would you kindly  
send me a £3.00



Note in your recent  
letter me that my  
Uncle could get charged  
for me I have only  
10<sup>s</sup> left & shall be  
obliged to borrow £1  
from Uncle Thomas.  
I am sorry you  
should have been  
uneasy about me  
I did not write from  
not having any par-  
ticular news to  
communicate I



thought you would  
conclude that "no  
news was good news"  
I am astonished  
that Johnny has  
begun school life.  
I thought he would  
have remained  
my pupil for ages  
to come I hope he  
will be top of his  
class soon.

Hope Malvern will  
benefit Grandma



And Aunts.

I enclose more at  
present from  
Your affected  
Daughter.

I am sure the  
note will be safe  
if sent in an  
ordinary envelope.  
I start at  $\frac{1}{2}$  7 & so  
I return to Sunday  
field



June, Aug. 30.

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Burlington N.Y.

August 29<sup>th</sup> / 63

My Dear Mamma

I am very well  
and happy and hope  
I feel in some mea-  
sure grateful for my  
many mercies it would  
be strange if I did  
not enjoy life consider-  
ing how many things  
I have to make my  
visit here pleasant  
sailing, driving, bathing  
walking splendid sea



brings pleasant society  
comfortable lodgings, good  
food and no cares!  
i.e. nothing worth trans-  
lating about. I have  
had two rides with  
cousins John & Henry  
the latter riding his  
own mare, my steed  
was R. hired one R.  
chestnut mare that  
went capitally, the  
"Doctor" was not so  
fortunate the first  
time, he chose R. pony  
with R. very unplea-  
sant quit, the second  
time he was better



Suited, I did enjoy crawling  
tiring on the sands  
with cousins, the wide  
expanse of sea on one  
hand & the cliffs on  
the other, there is such  
a sense of freedom when  
mounted on a good  
bag. My rides have kindly  
been given me.

Yesterday we all move  
to Hambro' Head. Ex-  
cept Uncle who walked  
a distance of four  
miles, when we reached  
the head, there was  
the blue sea surrounding



ing us Almost with  
Schooners, Barques, <sup>ships</sup> Barges  
Fishing Smacks on its  
surface, we were tho-  
roughly Delighted with  
the view, we ascended  
the Light-house where  
order & cleanliness pre-  
vailed in every part  
there are 21 reflectors 7 of  
which have crimson  
glass before them so  
that at a distance  
the revolving light at  
every third appearance  
of the light presents a  
Crimson hue, the  
other two are yellow



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from the Light house  
we went to inspect  
the Minute gun which  
is fired during foggy  
weather An interval  
of 15 minutes exist  
between the shots;  
the coast is chiefly  
composed of lime stone  
Apparently & this the  
sea has worn into  
caves in several places  
one of these caves is very  
large we intend visit-  
ing it one fine day,  
we could not yester-  
day for the waterway



high; the sea breezes  
seemed to exhilarate  
us for some few were  
running races & all were  
playing tricks on each  
other, we returned to  
tea & then most of us  
went to call on Mrs  
Barker who is living  
here for the time, from  
all I have heard she  
is a disagreeable hy-  
pochondriacal woman  
she takes to people  
at first and then  
turns round and abuses  
them I believe something



better than sea. breezes"  
in the "Sunday at Home"  
for July is a true pa-  
trait of her, I can't say  
all this from person-  
al experience as I have  
only seen her once when  
she was agreeable enough.  
Thank you for Stephen's  
letter I enclose it in case  
you have not read it.  
We think of going over  
to Park's on Monday  
it is 18 miles distant  
that day is fixed because  
Charlotte Marshall is with  
us, she left school this



Morning & Returns on Tues-  
-day. I don't feel to want  
An Autumn dress at  
present for I am wearing  
my white muslin jacket  
in the afternoon.

We have had a great  
deal of rain lately too  
much to be good for  
the harvest I think, I  
heard just now that  
some of the corn had  
sprouted.

I am glad Malcolm <sup>is</sup> <sup>plus</sup>  
with our friends I think  
Humbro's air would do  
us a great deal of good.

My love to all.

Yours affectionately  
J. Hobson



Am open countenance &  
resembles Henry who also  
is a nice character but  
is rather lacking in the  
high polish of our South  
Country young men.

Yesterday was so cold  
Comparatively speaking  
that I was forced to buy  
a dress at 15.9, & my  
hair. I also purchased  
a hat as my own  
is quite shabby.

I am glad Mr Graddy  
had the good sense to  
do as he did. Mrs John  
thinks ministers ought  
to be charged. Annie wrote

Am a long  
letter of 3 days  
with love

I am sure  
your efforts  
Child.

Am. 4.70  
weighed 9.64

Am. Sunday  
6th Nov.  
than. Solit.

when at home  
I am now  
getting so  
stupid!

Sep: 4<sup>th</sup>

September 3/63

My Dear Parents

I can't say that  
I admire the photo: of  
Papa. The eyes have  
not come out at all  
& I do not think the  
execution of the whole is  
good. Mr & Mrs John  
send kind regards to  
you, they seemed much  
pleased with the invi-  
tation to visit Lehigh  
but cannot  
accept. Mr & Mrs does not feel  
at liberty to leave his



practiced longer than a pug dog with a litter of  
fatnight. I like Jerry & puppies had to say they  
very much, her husband all took the distemper  
improves our acquaintance & died. except one, that  
twice, they are both very has survived the fate  
much attached to each of its mother & others &  
other, he is getting on sisters, the name of this  
very well in London favorite is "Prince" be-  
Altho' the class of pa- few leaving London  
tients is of a low order I had a photo. taken  
Mrs J. on the absence of him lost anything &  
of any children to love happen to him during  
seems to lavish her affe her absence.

tion on Mum's creature, Harriette is still with  
when last I was in Lon as she is a nice girl  
now she possessed a. of 13, has pretty eyes &



Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 16

My dear Frances,

I must send you  
a line to prevent your  
writing to Lucy again.  
I have fixed to re-  
turn to Sunday  
Field on Monday  
to be present at the  
Green Hammeton  
flower show where  
I expect to see Aunt



Thackray, she having  
sent tickets to Jamie  
and myself to enable  
us to go. I am very  
sorry to leave this  
place I have enjoyed  
myself so much,

Yesterday we went  
to the Queens of Proter  
ring places viz Scar-  
bro' it certainly de-  
serves the above  
title of fashion &



beauty can give any  
claim to such a  
name.

Many happy returns  
to dear little John  
on Monday morning  
I would send him  
a token of love if  
I could send it  
in a letter.

I shall be most happy  
to accept Mrs Ruben's  
invitation if prac-



tricable.

I am not in a  
writing mood. So  
pray excuse any  
further communica-  
tion this morning.

With love

I remain

Your affec<sup>t</sup>ed Child

Jane. A. Hobson

Lucy. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> /63



Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

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Brantow.

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My Dear Hannah,

7 A.M. We have  
had breakfast, about  
an hour ago, we seem  
to rise with the sun  
for when I looked out  
of my bedroom win-  
dow this morning af-  
ter rising, the sun  
appeared not much  
higher than the hor-  
izon And now it  
seems to have gained



the middle of this low of Uncle Dr. More by the  
room windows. Shining some artist who took  
full upon my paper. My Mother, the other  
you talk of liking the room is plainly for  
Country. I wonder she wished, the part of  
this you would be the house looks out  
contented to live here, upon the road & a.  
this is a small old pond, backed by a low  
fashioned house with of poplars, exactly of  
two sitting rooms on points is the first  
the ground floor, the garden enclosed by  
better of the two is seen a tall hedge, the on-  
ly one used, it can be house in the im-  
mediate neighbourhood  
I am excellent painting is that of Uncle Richard,



he see very little passing  
for the road in front  
is not the high road,  
where a carriage is  
heard in the dis-  
tance there is imme-  
diately quite an excite-  
ment. A rush is made  
to the window to see  
the vehicle pass.

On Saturday I mounted  
Uncle's old mare, the  
same that drew Papa  
& me to Studley four  
years ago, she is quite  
wrought but has a  
very unpleasant gait.



In A. Lady. I went  
 she her to Sunday Fair  
 about A. mile distant  
 & surprised. Jamie in  
 the midst of her toilet.  
 Uncle & Mame & I went  
 over to Green H. where  
 we met Uncle & Aunt  
 I, also Mo & William of  
 Annesko; the show  
 itself was poor, in fact  
 I scarcely looked at the  
 flowers, the site con-  
 sisted of a large tent  
 partially filled with  
 flowers & fruit & vegetables,  
 in the middle of a



field. At one end. There  
was a display of horses  
while the other end of  
the field was devoted  
to "Bunt-Sally" a shooting  
gallery &c. We had tea  
with Mrs Jackson an  
old friend of my Mother  
who rears two most  
singular Maypoles, it  
is difficult to keep  
ones countenance while  
in their company, per-  
haps Papa remembers  
their peculiarities.

I expect to see Aunt Y  
this morning, if well



enough she is to drive  
thru' Brantown on her  
way to Raintown & then  
return here for a May or  
two & then proceed to  
N.Y. where she will  
stay a short time, I  
return with her to N.Y.  
On the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst J & I  
are going to Annapolis  
where if there is time  
I may stop at B but  
I shall try to be home  
by the 7th of October  
Aunt Thomas would  
be much obliged if you



procure for her a hand  
kerchief similar to mine  
with the name "Priscilla"  
marked upon it, I think  
she would not like to  
give more than 3.5 for  
it altogether, when fin-  
ished would you send  
it by post.

We are having some cold  
weather, such as makes  
a fire comfortable in  
the evening. Thank you  
for your last letter I found  
it on the table with  
the copy penciled over,  
that was Uncle Thomas  
doing, neither he nor  
Uncle Dr of Knaresboro'



like the title.

How glad I am that  
Miss Coombs is well  
enough to write as  
satisfactory a note as the  
one you enclosed.  
I should like to see  
her again in her health  
thy state.

Fannie has begun to  
take music lessons,  
one every week at Knapp's  
so, her Father will drive  
her over on Market  
Days, it will be a  
pleasant variety for  
her, the great event



That she is looking  
forwards to now, is the  
wedding of Priscilla Abby  
Grand. Daughter of Richard  
Abby next Nov, it is to  
come off on the 12 or  
13 of Oct; Dr. I have been  
asked to be present I ex-  
pect he will be the  
"best man", the young  
lady Maria's A. farmer,  
there will be a party  
in the evening consist-  
ing chiefly of petticoats  
A very sad feature!

My love to all from  
Your Affected Child  
J. A. H.



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June Sept 22

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10 o'clock A.M.

Branton Green

My dear Mamma

I am very kind of  
you and the boys  
to send me such pret-  
ty things I admire them  
all very much, they  
were quite unexpected  
I thought you would  
write to me on the  
May nothing further;  
you will be amused  
to hear that - Uncle



Did not take in the  
meaning of your note  
so when he returned from  
Kirby while we were  
all seated round the  
dinner table, he threw  
me the parcel when  
I saw it I thought it  
was the handkerchief  
I handed it over to Aunt  
but I was soon  
receiving, the gifts were  
all much admired  
especially the collar  
by Aunt Mackray. I wanted  
to write and thank



you at once but my  
friends thought I had  
better wait until today  
when I should receive  
Papa's letter, also I could  
give you a description  
of "the Feast" which takes  
place today, this is  
an annual gathering  
of friends after harvest.  
I believe there is one  
in every village in the  
neighbourhood. Each at  
different times of the year,  
Brantow feast comes



on the first Sunday  
After the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept; the  
poor people have their  
feastings on the Sabbath  
but respectable folks like  
Uncle keep the Monday  
instead, this <sup>year</sup> grand  
event of the consists in  
Askins friends to eat  
as many good things  
as they can conveniently  
swallow, Uncle ex-  
pects the greater part  
of the family from  
sum forth, two in all,  
they are Mr Richard  
Abbar's son & his children



When there will be  
Uncle B. himself & his two  
daughters Anne & Jane,  
Also Uncle Thomas &  
family & he expects Anne  
William & Mrs & Johnny  
from Anascho, the com-  
pany will number to  
18 or 20 I expect, where  
they will all stow them-  
selves is a marvel! After  
dinner if the weather  
keeps up we shall  
merry into Get Caseburn  
& enter the bazaar which  
has come into the village  
for the occasion, there is



Nothing to be seen of it now  
but a dirty patched tent  
I shall give you a descrip-  
tion of the interior by-  
by. I certainly gave you  
a very <sup>cr</sup>atic account  
of my whereabouts in  
my last letter, since then  
I have been staying with  
Aunt Shackney at A. F.  
We returned here yester-  
day morning because  
the evening before set  
in so wet, Aunt thinks  
of returning home  
via Karesko' lith to-  
night or Wednesday, if  
I were to have gone to  
K. on the latter day but



there has since arisen  
some obstacle <sup>in the way</sup> Uncle W. has  
to go to Sandau to see his  
Ship sail, when he comes  
we shall talk the matter  
over the Abbays both of  
H. F. & Sumsforth are  
very wishful that I should  
stay over Percell's wedding  
but I don't know what to  
do I feel I ought to be at  
home by the 7<sup>th</sup> Oct yet  
I should like to be present  
at the merry makings.  
Janie gave me a very pre-  
ty bookmark & a stamp  
case, I shall finish this  
after dinner



"After Dinner" We have had  
A most hearty dinner  
every one seems in the  
best of humours, At the  
last a little before nine  
came in & handed your  
letter thank you & Papa  
for the contents I some  
times think I can give  
a satisfactory reply to yr  
inquiries. At other times  
anything but so.

I have just been asking  
Uncle or when he ex-  
pects to return from  
London he thinks to mor-  
row week, & he wishes  
me to visit them the  
day following where



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I shall probably stay a  
week or ten days which  
will bring me so near  
the 13<sup>th</sup> of Oct that Aunt  
Thackeray thinks it is  
worth my while to  
stay over the wedding.  
The ceremony is ex-  
pected to take place  
tomorrow 3 weeks.

So decide for me  
I will willingly come  
home if you think  
I had better do so.

I said to Uncle W. had  
I better not postpone my  
visit to him until



Another opportunity but  
he won't hear of it  
By the time I leave  
his house at the ear-  
liest it will be the  
7 of Oct. As soon as  
this is finished we  
go to inspect the inte-  
rior of the wonderful  
cavern. I am so sorry  
the Maynards are leaving.  
What a pleasant sur-  
prise to see Mr Lee.  
Perhaps Papa will be-  
come the oculist of  
Gloucestershire in time.  
I will try & write to Grand  
father & love to all Yours  
J Hobson



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I think you had bet-  
ter go on addressing  
to E. F. until I go to  
Barnesbro' I expect to  
be staying backwards &  
forwards between it &  
Brantown until I leave  
for H.

Would you send  
one of my cartes to  
this address —

The glass is very low  
with us i.e. at "much  
rain" yet it does not come

except in showers



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My expected Address.  
St Albans to Mr. High St. March  
Jane, Sep<sup>r</sup> 30 Sept 29<sup>th</sup> /63  
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My dear Mamma

I hasten to answer  
your last letter received  
last evening just before  
tea. I should like to  
join St. Blanche's class  
provided the expense was  
not heavy & the other  
ladies beginners, like my-  
self, I leave it to you &  
Papa to decide for  
me. I suppose the class  
does not begin until  
next half for if it begins



At Michaelmas I shall  
be too late for it.

In all probability I shall  
go to Knaresborough <sup>tomorrow</sup>, unless  
Uncle Dr writes some ob-  
jection today. I am  
afraid Jane will not go  
she does not feel very well.  
At any rate she will ac-  
company me with Louisa  
for it is her music day.  
Thank you for the hymn  
I think it is very nice.  
I should like Stephen  
to return home & then  
he could resume his



work in China. After a  
sojourn in England, all  
his friends here & in Sweden  
land thought it a pity  
that he went to Hotal  
in preference to Shanghai.  
I think he has done quite  
right to leave off being a  
Schoolmaster, it was be-  
neath him!

I left Grt Uncle William's  
yesterday about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past  
light o'clock, in company  
with Janie who had  
walked down in the af-  
ternoon, we had a



beautiful snow the whole  
way which made it more  
cherry than walking in  
the dark on the high road.  
On the wedding day the  
guests are expected to  
spend the whole day at the  
house, we shall go in  
our vehicles to the church  
& then return with the party.  
Perhaps we shall start  
from Sunforth Lodge, I  
shall wear my silk &  
light mantle in the morn-  
ing & my serge in the  
evening. Janie intends  
wearing a muslin white  
the whole time, trimmed



with blue around the  
neck & a sash of the same  
color, the latter article  
Aunt Shackrey told me  
in confidence she intend  
ed to give Janie, but last  
night Aunt Thomas told  
me in <sup>my</sup> confidence that  
she had written to Alice  
to order one to surprise  
her daughter, so I must  
write to Aunt J & M. regarding  
her of the fact. Janie also  
is to have a new  
bonnet for the occasion  
her present one being  
quite unfit for the



Grand event.<sup>2</sup>

I can quite sympathize  
with your feelings on  
the subject of stantness  
the sensation of getting  
too big for one's clothes  
is anything but pleasant.  
Aunt Thanksgiving says I  
must return to Cheltenham  
to be refined down to the  
state I was when I first  
made my appearance in  
these parts. Don't you  
feel some misgivings as  
to whether you will re-  
cognize me again?  
My love to all.  
Your affected child  
J. H. Hobson



not exceed the time  
The neighbourhood round  
the town is very pretty  
especially at this time  
of the year when the  
leaves are turning in  
colour, the river Hidd  
runs thro' part of the  
town & it is on its  
banks that the pretty  
scenery exists. Unfor-  
tunately the weather  
was not favourable for  
examining "the course  
of the country" besides  
which J & I both had

June, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

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Sunday Field.

Oct: 9<sup>th</sup> / 183

My Dear Mamma.

I did not receive  
your last letter of Oct: 1<sup>st</sup>  
until two days  
after date because it  
was sent to Gloucester  
by mistake.

I suppose the talk  
of the town just now  
is the recent earth-  
quake there are a  
few lines in the



"Leeds Mercury" about  
the subject by Mr  
Bransby. He. felt do-  
thing of the Sat. in  
our part of the county.  
He. have returned from  
his early ride into  
St. & Little Guseburn  
& if you had been  
"there to see", your laugh  
too you would have  
had some difficulty  
to refrain from laughing  
I looked more like  
a Cabman's wife than

than anything else,  
even all my other wraps  
I had. Richard's cow-  
jater this Silverness,  
& with a black. Sat.  
band. veil. My attire  
was complete I had.  
So many things on  
I could hardly get  
into the Wag-car, I  
was convulsed with  
laughter which took  
away all power from  
my limbs.  
He went just for  
a week to St. & did



forward.

I don't think you'd like it, there is one insuperable objection which you would not get over - that is, every fortnight there is a cattle fair when the beasts line the High Street & principal thoroughfares, they stand quite loose with a driver to every half dozen, when the fair is over the streets are in a filthy state. Also in it there is a great deal of gossip Uncle says it is an overgrown village. But Uncle says Mountain has made me richer by a sovereign this morning

A touch of tooth as you know while there, Cousin Johnny is a fine little boy I hope his won't be spoiled. As he is the only son.

We went over to Gannock one afternoon but we were too short a time to see much, as rain came so which always casts a cloud over a new place. I was not particularly struck with the place. The houses seemed



straggling, I made a  
very satisfactory purchase  
there for Peisilla two  
buses, elegant white ground  
with green & gold flowers.  
I wish you could have  
seen them, & they were  
only 2.6, you may think  
them common for that  
price but they are no  
such thing, there was  
another with Arab flowers  
that I should have  
liked to have bought  
you but there was a  
difficulty about the

carriage  
I am glad it is ar-  
ranged that I join the  
German class, you will  
hear from me when  
I intend returning to  
L, the end of next  
week. I hope.

The weather promises  
badly for next week  
& the glass is low, this  
is a foggy uncomfor-  
table day, so it was  
yesterday & a day or  
two back & I am afraid  
will be for a few days



thing looked so lovely in the country, we juveniles spent the afternoon in the garden & very much enjoyed ourselves.

On Saturday we had a delightful drive down to the sea. It was quite a treat to see the ocean again, the sands at that point are very nice but we did not go down to them.

You speak of Dr. Brown being present at the levee, I don't see what this levee is.

Give my love to Grandma & Aunt, I am sorry Aunt Ursula is not so well.

Tell Papa that I hear Wooters are looked down upon in Bradford, a person who will to have any position in society there, must have money.

My love to all.

Your affectionate daughter

Jane A. Hobson

Enclose a pattern of tatting

Mom has not the steadiest character that could be wished.

However we all arrived here safe & sound. Thursday again was

a wet day until three or four o'clock, when the sun came

out which was a signal to us to adjourn into the garden &

stretch our legs, Willie was so mischievously inclined for he

chased the hen & her 24 chicks until they scarcely knew where

they were on their heads & feet & some of the brood saw

this the hedge & were nearly lost when Aunt reproved him, he

sat on a log pulled a face, & twirled his thumbs. About 6

o'clock we were on our way to a lady's house to spend the

evening, we young folks were invited & enjoyed ourselves very

much, we all rode there in a fly but I preferred walking

back & Willie & Margie riding & Annie is obliged to go

in some conveyance as she is lame. Yesterday was fine



where Mary took the opportunity very well. Uncle Thomas person-  
ty to pay some P.P.C. calls & after the patriarch better than  
& I accompanied her. In the any other person I know, with  
evening Uncle Moore Aunt his hair of an unfashionable  
girls down to Grandma's length his broad lined hat  
little was absent all day as this good humoured face.  
he is member of a. naturalists. We heard yesterday of the death  
Club. I think Grandma is very of Aunt & Pratts baby, it died in  
bed for two years, she does such the night. Aunt felt her loss very  
a quantity of work knitting chiefly, much but I think is much better  
I am to stay with her next week that the child has gone, for the  
& then return to Hunter's Hall Mother was wearing herself out  
June 15th Monday. Aunt Thackray with attending to it.  
has had very bad news today My cousins leave today for  
from her cousin Mrs Palmer of Hainton, they wish her to  
Cambridge. Miss P writes that spend a little time with them  
her mother has had an intestine when I am in their neighbour-  
rupture & is not expected to sur- hood. Mary leaves England  
live long. Aunt feels it deep about the end of this year &  
as Mrs P has always been as will be married soon after  
a sister to her, she intends go- she reaches Australia.  
ing down to Cambridge tomorrow but a pity you had not  
seen. Uncle & Aunt Thomas on unfavourable way for the  
Abbey are staying with Grand Flower show, it takes away so  
much for a day or two they are much of the pleasure, here the  
coming here to tea this eve- rain came down steadily  
ning we saw them yesterday All day until quite the evening  
at chapel when they looked yesterday was beautiful! very



23/1  
The day met the  
other evening  
He had  
known this  
house for  
two months  
I have  
been going  
to stay here  
I have  
known  
Wardell  
will stay

flat this morning describing  
Purton Spa which has  
quite recently been disco-  
vered, it is four miles from  
Swindon so quite accessible  
from all parts, the waters  
are said to be most valu-  
able containing sodium &  
bromine with various  
salts, I copy the analysis  
of the Purton water



Iodine of Sodium grs 0.066

Bromine of Magnesium 0.092

Sulphate of Soda 112.239

Do of Magnesium 77.208

Do of Lime 83.873

Do of Potash. 1.916

Carbonate of Do 28.880

Chloride of ~~S~~ Sodium 34.297

(Oxide of Iron, Alumina,

with traces of Phosphoric Acid 0.280

Soluble Silica 1.280

Organic Matter & Water 8.750

Total solid residue per imp gal, 348.881

Free Carbonic Acid. 50.4  
Cubic in. —

Sulphuretted Hydrogen A trace



Should Papa think anything  
~~of this~~ he could get the little  
book called "Six Months at  
Park Spa under treatment  
of its Bromo Saturated Water"  
it is not a medical treatise.

By your letter I gather that  
you were rather disappointed  
with the soaking meeting  
was it so? or was it the  
feeling that it was the last.  
I don't see that you need  
trouble yourself to finish  
your work for it will  
go another time.

Thank you for your advice



About Missing too much  
for the comforts of a rich house,  
it is very nice for a change,  
but it is not everything.

You would be charmed with  
Richmond, for a time it is  
such a pretty place. I've <sup>often</sup> hoped  
to be situated in the best part.  
I must say I thoroughly enjoy  
the Muses, one day we went  
to Bushey Park, I was en-  
aptured with the trees <sup>here</sup>, there  
one long avenue of chest  
nuts, five deep, such noble  
trees, those in Cheltenham  
look nothing compared with  
these; then another Anglo



went thro' Putney out to  
Wimbledon Common when  
the air is very fine. But  
in all these places it requires  
a good income, house rent  
is high & to take these long  
drives in a hired vehicle  
would be very expensive.

Mr Lays Weymouth is a very  
nice one & the horses go so  
well. Yesterday Eliza and  
her husband went to London  
all day shopping, so Mary  
and I sat out on the terrace  
a good part of the time.

I had three letters yesterday  
one from you, another



from Annie wanting to  
know whether I had ar-  
rived safely as I had not  
written (which I answered im-  
mediately) And a third from  
Fanny Rubery telling me that  
their house was go to be done  
up &c. I wonder whether  
Papa will be successful  
in Birmingham, has he  
any house in view?

Will you kindly look into  
my workbox (the keys are  
in the small drawer) &  
after lifting the tray I think  
you will find some  
rather fine cord suitable



for a mess, I find my  
pullies are getting out of <sup>order</sup>  
if you don't see it there. then  
never mind about it.

I am very sorry to hear that  
Mary Rubery, poor girl I afraid  
there is no hope of her recovery.  
Mary likes next door to Mrs  
Mellish at Hong Kong, I don't  
know whether Mary likes  
her. Mary Pottes & Pauline  
Petkison are leaving China  
they are to be stationed in  
some out of the way place  
near the Cape. where there  
is no society (I believe) &  
living is very expensive.



I hear that Mary Potter before  
her marriage was very wild  
Mendacious things were said  
about her.

We have been having such  
fun seeing the ~~My~~ Dogs wash  
the father is a Pekin Dog, &  
there are two puppies, they  
have all been so frightened,  
hiding & barking and thing  
flying.

With love to all.

I am your affected  
Child.

Jane A. Hobson  
Mary wished her love to be  
sent the other day I suppose  
it is not stale with keeping  
of it - Mary - m



June, Oct. 15

My dear Grandma

I have decided to  
return home tomorrow  
by a train that leaves  
York at 11.45 reaches  
Cheltenham at 5.24,  
i.e. if one can depend  
on a June Guide,  
Should any thing come  
in the way of my  
starting tomorrow say



Must be unseasonable.

There are more difficulties  
in the way in the  
Country where no journey  
is to be taken, <sup>than in a</sup> we have  
<sup>to go</sup> to drive five miles to  
the station to begin with.  
The wedding came off  
satisfactorily yesterday.  
The morning was fine  
until after the cere-  
mony, the happy  
couple started after  
breakfast to London



He spent the whole day  
at the house & returned  
home at one o'clock  
this morning! I will  
give a description when  
I get home.

I am very glad to  
return home. Altho  
my visit into the  
North has been such  
a pleasant one.

Excuse this shabby  
production from



Your affec<sup>t</sup>ed daughter  
Jane Hobson.

Don't let anyone put  
themselves to any mean  
pains to meet me  
for I can manage very  
well alone if need be.  
Aunt's kind love.



11 St John's Terrace  
April 28<sup>th</sup> /65

My dear Grandma

The order arrived quite  
safely by this morning's  
post. I shall get it cashed  
tomorrow. Thank you  
for sending it.

Aunt <sup>approves of</sup> this the Germany  
suggestion, very good. She  
thinks it would save  
expense & benefit the  
health of those who are  
ailing. I don't know what  
to say, in some things  
it might be beneficial



Thank you for writing to  
Mrs Rubery. I am sure  
she would be pleased.

I find the temperature here  
so much higher than in  
Birmingham, & my things  
are rather warm, conse-  
quently I should like a  
few things sent. viz, my  
white jacket, (formerly yours)  
in the bottom drawer,  
also my light cloak in  
the same drawer, one of  
my new petticoat bodies,  
my jet bracelets, in the  
black box on the drawers



And a pair of white thread  
gloves with gauntlets, at  
the back of one of the sleeves  
& drawers, also I think I  
have another plain collar  
about somewhere. Do you  
think I could receive this  
parcel by Monday as I may  
leave for Richmond on  
that day altho' I have  
not heard from Eliza.

Y<sup>rs</sup>.

Yesterday afternoon I went  
to see Miss May, she such  
a long walk of half an  
hour length, I went to



See if she would return  
to tea here and go with  
me afterwards to Hampstead  
Heath to call on Mrs John  
Rusby, however she could  
not go & I returned & walked  
there with Annie, we had  
some difficulty in finding  
the house, but we reached  
it at last, Mrs John was  
very pleased to see us, she  
is in pleasant lodgings,  
her husband has some  
thing to do in the city.  
By the time we reached  
home it was quite



Clark. Beckie was spending  
the afternoon with her friends  
the Cookes.

This afternoon Aunt is  
going to the Dentists & we  
shall go with her in the  
fly as far as Regent. St.  
In the evening I take tea  
with the Mays.

This is the last evening  
in the Glee class & it will  
be rather a grand affair I ex-  
pect. My Cousins have been  
wanting me to go, but as  
I have had no invitation,  
it is <sup>at</sup> Lady's house who  
does not know me, it



would be awkward.

Mr Butt is a nice person  
I always liked him  
I hope you won't offend  
yourself with that F. B. S.  
I am sorry I shall be away  
for the last meeting. The  
bib. does not get on well,  
I have been doing work  
for Miss May as a con-  
tribution towards a bazaar,  
the proceeds of which are  
to go towards S. Martin's  
new chapel, this chapel  
is to hold 1000 free sittings.  
Samuel Martin is quite  
Miss May's idol now



Mr Dale has been de-throned.  
I am very glad Robert has  
obtained his prize, is he  
still working very hard?

The news from America was  
most startling. The "Times"  
was sold in the City at  
one place for 2/6, & all the  
papers were doubled or tripled  
in price, we heard it on  
Wednesday evening.

Aunt is changing her house  
maid & Beekie has gone  
in search of a new one.  
L. May would like Mrs Lewis  
servant, as she is not sat-



isued with her present one.

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