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no clue

parts of the world at once, every one
is so happy to have her.

A great many trees have been blown
down about here, but on the whole
very little damage was done by that
great wind, they were mostly small
trees in the plantations, & some few
large elms in the banks of the deep
lakes whose roots had no firm hold
in the soil - A good many trees were
blown off, & the skylights were broken,
& of course the rain came through
the holes in the roof. But Papa did
not mind it, because as the house
must have something done to it

Parthe Nightingale

Embley

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My dear Grandmother

I am very glad to hear
for the opportunity of writing to you -
The babies are still exceedingly
flourishing, & such an amusement to
the whole house. We have a shooting
Christmas party now with us, but today
has not been propitious for them. The fog
has been so very thick that we have
kept the children in doors almost all
day. How happy they seem at Grand
but it is a very good thing that we have

Shore, for the smoke & the damp might
give him a cold - Jack Sam is
coming next week we hope, though it
seems rather uncertain for how long.
The accounts of Aunt Carter continue
good though she does not like being in
London at this time of year & in such
weather. Besides leaving all her children
behind her. We cannot persuade Uncle
Carter to come & spend the Christmas
here, with his whole party as we hoped.
One boy, is all we can get hold of. Alfred
he has been at school & is much better
than he was, the sight of his eye is
quite gone, but it gives him no pain
now. Thorne & Bertha are very fond of
him, & look up to him with such respect
when he plays tennis to them for he is
very fond of tennis. Papa is full of
visiting both in doors & out, with the
people who are staying with us & the
few who have been at Romney. Mama does
not like this mild weather, it prevents
her from feeling as strong as she should
do in the winter. The children have been
hitherto wonderfully free from colds, &
I hardly think they have missed going
out a single day. but we have had
no snow yet. Aunt Julia is in London
with Grandmama so that she is near
enough to go often to see Aunt Carter,
she is wanted it seems to me in all

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Stanton has accepted -
Hampden Bridges -

Stanton refuses - so that
we have only West. Cobb
and Hamilton. Stanton
Hampden - accepted -

The children have been
to Amherst instead
of Welles. against my will
but my lectures told me
major motives prevented
it being otherwise - so
we must explain - in our
motives - advice

may send back
his lectures
after reading

W. 28
Embley. Sunday 1843

I have found in my room
a picture of a young I believe
Hartley or man - I find
this picture "the action of
darkened proceed from mo-
tives. i.e. from influence
of the pleasures & pains, of
Sensation. imagination
ambition self. Interest, &
sympathy &c have over-
ruled them." &c - in other
words put a person into
the same circumstances
the or the man do as they
have done - &c

what a world of thought
in these sentences! —

I apply them to poor
Mary's case of Beatrice
Blanche. At the 1000
corrosion of sin, which
beset us daily & hourly —

How thin can events
be other than what they
are, by virtue of any
will of ours? Resignation
is the moral of this doc-
trine of the "necessity" of
human acting! Great
is the power ^{to effect} ~~in the power~~

Calumny & Subversion of the
things that be: —

I read & read the
paper on "necesse" in the
said Hartley & hope for
profit — I read have we
in truth of some such
study every day of our
lives, when we receive
such tidings as those of
sufferers like my poor
sister — I cannot for an
instant subject now —
a fact it is end less —

Miss Johnson is arriving
at Midweek. I trust your
Thyges will have enough
enough even for a little
while to enjoy the pleasure
she has anticipated in her
coming but she sees sadly
disappointed to day & will
not enjoy her chance as usual.
She is anxious to get home &
I grieve to say they are to
leave Midweek this day week.
Believe me in haste
yours J. Marton

J. Marton Colwell
about Lady Thomas Windy
My dear Mr. Nightingale
As the enclosed letter
contains an answer to an
introduction I sent to George
Guy when I was at Dublin
at y^r request for Mr. Marton
you will like to see his
answer to it which may
be a satisfaction to the friends
friends and I thank you
yours J. Marton

but some of your friends young George has written
a delightful account of his
being here some interest precious voyage and
in making the abolition all his prospects before
which has given me pleasure delightful but whether he
more particularly as Lady was looking forward there
Thomas is with me and to an expedition into the
I enjoyed much interesting work with his ^{dearest} brother.
how more than happiness. How cheering it is to see
it having such good results or how of any one being
happy!!! About at this
of her for distant children moment that I am writing

decline it for this year, as
 I find many things require
 my company at home -
 Had Miss Crapse told you
 that she is to become my
 inmate for one year?
 She wished it should be
 so, & I agreed ^{with much pleasure} but for both
 of us it is better that the
 arrangement should be
 concluded temporary -
 You know that I shall do
 what is in my power to
 make her comfortable
 whilst we are together.
 The plan does not come
 into operation till her
 visits are finished &
 she makes her real ap-
 pearance here - I am
 very sorry for the cause
 that takes her to Harrogate
 with Mrs Lam. but I hope
 the waters there will work her

Heathfield Friday Feb, 2nd

My dear Mr. Nightingale

I am returned at length
 to my own little home, after
 spending 2 months with our
 friend. I had not the com-
 fort to leave her any better
 than I found her. on the
 contrary, I think she had
 declined in strength, & was
 far from advancing in any
 particular. My own conviction
 is that she may still linger
 on for some time, but that
 any thing like recovery is en-
 tirely out of the case. Her
 suffering is not from acute
 pain. for this we cannot
 be too grateful, but she is
 seldom free from very un-
 easy sensations & I shall
 not be surprised to hear of

the sudden termination of
all his sorrows - Fanny, as
I think I have told you, is
quite perfect in her attention
to her mother, & I am sure
Mrs Stanford derives great
satisfaction from the exam-
plary conduct of her daughter.
I hope Mrs James Martin
arrives at Woodlark Hall
to-day, & the 2 families are
about to remove to Cheltenham.
Thus Mrs Stanford may often
see her brother, which she
could not at Woodlark Hall,
but she will not see many
of her friends, as she now
feels perfect quiet necessity
& when with those she loves
she cannot help talking -
I thank you for the 2 amu-
packets you sent - I shall
entrust them to the care of
your daughters, & I hope they
will reach you in safety -
The Melmerston was too
exciting a subject for Mrs H.
I was obliged to cease after
reading a very few passages.
It made her quite
nervous - so you may judge
of the weakness of her state -
I have not yet been to Bath,
but I am very sorry to hear
Florence is quite poorly - I
was going to-day, but this
heavy fall of snow will pre-
vent my journey - What a
change has come over our
weather! but I think we
shall soon return to the
good temperature, for it
is not very cold now in
the open air - I thank you
very truly for your kind
invitation to Embury, but I am

he won't know' & did not know I was
 in town. I hope Aunt Mai will
 not fail to come to Embley. I like
 this little buggy to travel, the ladies
 to me to have more thoughts of
 kind than from Helen, but not so
 much susceptibility to struggle with
 & by far stronger health. in the way to
 of acute & ready sympathy she
 will not give her all the help
 she wants, but will be a small
 excellent companion for her in
 her great consideration for Helen, as to cheer me (sometimes)
 & active energy of her mind. Her flagging spirits & languor
 has been succoured again on Sat.
 this confounded sun! I will write
 to her.

Partha?
 because neither I cannot go to
 Comb, unless I see Aunt Mai
 it is sufficiently con-
 siderable that Uncle Sam does not
 want about me. he can go
 as he likes the last night
 & being at 100 feet
 from us, he never comes here
 to cheer me (sometimes)

except for our melancholy
5 min. to discuss me about
a Kullon I never saw in my
life. I never, that of complaining
of this, & you may believe if I
do dear Aunt Maria she says
the least bit, I should be too
glad to go with her, but I say
mean that it seems stupid to
go from people who are pleased
to let a "petitions value" name
from their own solicitude) to Adams's as usual. They went for me at 4
Monday who has to evidently prefer Oliver, so I had the whole afternoon
that we have anything to do with business there. I had not seen Kip as

And I hope there is no bitterness
in this. The matter here is ever
indefinable & fascinating. I often know or
saw. Nevertheless ^{and} paid our
duty at the Temple Ch. yesterday.
but no walking with them as to
day, I fear. Kitz at good hour.
Mutter's very nice, Edw. Hamilton,
Mrs. Johns, he was ill, Miss Otter,
Mr. Charles Butler & self. Poor
I a perfect wreck. his people
going to him at Brighton for the
present. but he talked cheerfully
C. Butler not quite so entertaining
as usual. They went for me at 4
Monday who has to evidently prefer Oliver, so I had the whole afternoon
that we have anything to do with business there. I had not seen Kip as

John having with us. I
 gave him his wife's -
 I also feel much stronger
 (as I did not think I
 wanted strength) & better
 in all ways. Nobody here
 they have except left
 & Mrs Dea man & a Scotch
 Hope - W. after see
 that.

Wm. L. Smith
 Thore returning to School Robin:
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Dearest Harry, Thank
 you for thinking of taking
 Shore. I was very much
 sorry about his going. I am
 too sorry he should have
 delighted in it, had it
 been earlier in the holding
 but thanks it would not
 do now. The risk of delay
 on the road, waiting by
 himself perhaps, or his re-
 turn if weather happened
 to be bad, & boat could
 not go, as might be at the

end of Sept he would
make his being at Edinburgh
in proper time uncertain.
& he thinks it very desir-
able to start well & in
proper time &c. so unwilling
I give it up. Please send
Shaw here the day you
go. many thanks for all
you have all done for him.
I dare say Mr Harford's
is good advice about him.
We were desirous of some-
thing to prevent a like

of edinburgh, & thought of
that, but we must try
to think of some thing better
when the time comes for
him to work, & in the mean
time must hope he will
make good use of the
present time. have much
devoted. I hope you will
all have a prosperous
& interesting journey.
Sam is certainly much
stronger & better, & is quite
contented how he has Michie

the drive was beautiful for some miles, up a fine fresh valley which is a part of the forest of Dean. We reached home in very good time, in spite of all delays, and found our old place looking far more glorious than we had at all expected. The Sunday morning party visited us the next morning. Yesterday we went to town early, in order to attend their Church, and intending to return late in the eve but were prevented doing so, by pouring rain which came on at seven, and lasted three hours.

to 2 dear sisters at Embley

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W. Benthams
nee Harford Jones.

Pentlands

July 1.

Copied

My dear Mr. Nightingale

In these days of accelerated travelling, an account of our joy ~~too~~ journey may perhaps amuse you owing to its singularity. We reached Seville between seven & eight, having allowed ourselves a few minutes for seeing Seville Cathedral, we found the drive along the fabric's terraces, but

we admired the view as we was to pack into a very primitive
descended to the town, and we cut, in which we were jolted along,
were comfortably lodged there for through mud and mire, till we
the night. The next morning we reached the water's edge, our empty
light, we were again, en route, carriage following, with a pair of
by way of Chippenham and by twice horses, was taken to be
Tisbury, we had a splendid place where the river was fordable,
view of the valley of the Severn and our boatman's partner
in the long descent to Worcester. Then performed postilion, accoutre
and our triplet of the river was in immense high leather boots,
performed in a somewhat original kind gave the whole affair a
manner, we found the tide had shied from the shore affair a
effect, leaving a tract of unusually foreign and picturesque air,
undoneled vessel, our only alternative and we laughed heartily at
its oddity. On leaving Newnham

So we walk home this morn'g we
found, when we had gone about
half way, that almost all
appearance of wet had ceased,
and the history he told us
was, that scarcely any rain had
fallen, but we have just now
black clouds forming & thunder
going on. which promises a
little refreshment. This country
is certainly in great beauty,
and it is only in some low
spots peculiarly exposed to the

ment and clear as in former days quite
as tonic as yet. Harford is still in town
& I am sorry to say forming plans for
leaving England this spring. he has not
told us himself where he next thinks
of directing his steps, but Sir William
Hooker, in a letter to W. Bentham the
other day, said he thought Iceland would
be the point of his ambition. We should
all much rather, that he should now at all
events a few months amongst us, after such
repeated wanderings.

Pray accept our kind remembrance
& offer the same to each of your party.

Believe me very affectionately
Yours
Sarah Bentham

@ Miss Martineau &c
Sarah Bentham Pontefract 4th March
1844-

My dear Mr. Hightington

We have just been reading
Miss Martineau's "Life in a Sick Room".
A book which has interested us extremely,
both on account of the beautifully expressed
religious sentiments it contains, and
likewise the clearness of the style in which
it is written. You are, I am quite sure
included amongst those whose friendship
she most highly values, and I shall be
much obliged if, at some leisure moment,
you will tell me something about her present

state, I feel nearly certain that you will not impute this desire of mine to the more gratifying, or idle curiosity, but I have been confined to a sick room. Also I cause, that of becoming more acquainted with a mind possessing such a store of well founded hope, to support it under the severe trial of great bodily suffering. - I have only once seen Miss Martineau, it was a long time ago, at a party at Mr. Charles Butler's, who was at that time our next door neighbour. I well recollect your telling me once when you were in town, you were going to sit with her & that she had become an invalid, she was then living in Shadyside Street. I wish, (amongst my other information you will give me) to know where she now lives. How long she has been confined to a sick room. Also I should like much to know who the friend may be, to whom she addresses herself at the commencement of the book. Pardon me for giving you this trouble. -

You will, I am sure be glad to hear that my dear father is going on quite as well as we can reasonably hope, his letters are usually cheerful, though he is by no means free from pain, which is at times severe, but notwithstanding this, his hand writing, which is really nearly as

my putting off better that this
 delay addressed her to say
 what she did otherwise these
 withheld. & she gave me her
 reasons for thinking Frances
 had better not come with her.
 that she would rather be
 very much alone, or that I
 should be very much separated
 from her ^{Wife} &c. &c. adding
 if you & Mr B C have considered
 all these things well & good
 it is no concern of mine &
 I shall be most thankful to
 see you whenever & however
 you may come - To this I
 at once answered that which
 I thought & still think, that
^{for persons fears alone}
^{with her} ~~these~~ ^{imagined} these objections &
 that I hoped she would ^{trust}
 see that she was right. &
 her reply to this was that she
 would trust me for all that

Dear Henry Private

I am so glad you have
 asked Mrs Reid & hope
 particularly that she will
 come. I approach myself
 pretty considerably for having
 at divers times & in sundry
 manners said things in
 some degree disparaging to
 Mrs Reid - who is really
 I believe one of the kindest
 most generous hearted women
 that live & because her
 habits were not the most
 reasonable to travelling
 especially when time &
 management were of importance
 I allowed myself to get over
 worried with her - Also
 I have another thing to say
 I have strong suspicions that
 you are disposed to think

my poor friend here has not
treated me well in the
matter of this visit & I
want you to know the facts
lest you should be supposing
them much worse than they
are. I fixed my own time
for coming entirely. I told
her it would be the beginning
of Sept. 1. which gave me
time to see Mrs. Williamson
go & to ^{finish} to finish her
visit ~~about~~. I then found Mrs.
Williamson was likely to
^{3rd to 4th} ~~be~~ ^{leave} ~~the~~ ^{on} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~idea~~ ^{idea} & with the hope
of travelling with her I
postponed till the 17th. All
this time mind there was no
hoping or expecting on H's part do otherwise & am most
sincerely asked her whether I
had better offer to travel with
her mother & she left it to her
& me. So settle. I found she
could not get ready till a week or
ten days later than the 17th
& not liking to postpone so
long as that. I myself at
once settled to go that day
& wrote H would be expected
the following. Then I found
how very poorly & nervous Jane
was & ~~was~~ made up my mind
to disappoint H rather than
leave her till after Greg's
visit was over. This I was
very sorry to do because I knew
in her nervous state, ^{& alone} expecting
me on a certain day & then
being disappointed was very
likely to make her ill -
but I felt it impossible to
do otherwise & am most
happy I said. Then she
told me in her answer she

choice ^{of} that. I dined & spent my days the greater
part of the days, that is, alone - only joining
them in the evening - & herself has said to
me "I know you ^{must} think your visit here is ^{therefore}
wasted, but I assure you it is not" & for such
frank reasons. - About Jan she has never
said a word nor I to her since the letter when
I told her we had resolved on leaving her & that
I was very sorry she had been worried about it.
I believe though I do not know it from her own
lips she is sorry she said anything about
the matter. - Here is a long story but I
am very anxious you shd not exaggerate the
amount of error that will not do. I think
my poor friend has committed - I have little
doubt she will some day confess it herself.
I shall not say much to ^{about it} Harriet Reid she
will soon be afflicted. Many thanks
for the packet of today which I have hardly
yet had time to study. I have been reading
this very morning Mrs Craaston's letter to
Blackwood's Magazine about Capt Hall, in
Black? December 1836. which disposes me
very unfavorably towards Capt Hall. He
surely can have highly little regard for truth
let alone that which is commonly called decency
& gentlemanly feeling. I am not at all flattered by
his approbation of ^{you} ^{your} ^{kind} ^{Do} you know that Mrs Vorn
Hanner the old Comanche's or rather her husband's relation was at
Sept 19. all the while Capt H was there. that he visited Capt H
of which the bones. & was chief mourner at the funeral. while Capt H explains that
he himself was master of the boat -

was possible & that I ^{should} have her best welcome
but mean time I had not thought it right to
withhold her first letter for Joanna. & Joanna
came to the same conclusion that I did, i.e.
that we had better not risk any trial to
her nerves & that the idea of having Frances
here, ^{within} ~~a few~~ ^{as} ~~call~~ ^{call} upon my attention or
a solitary life would be very likely to prove so.
So we left ~~her~~ ^{as she belongs} — I certainly think it was
altogether a fancy on ~~her~~ ^{her} part but soothing
if you knew the whole of her condition you
would I think only wonder that her fancies are
so few & this one is greatly accounted for by
her being just then ^{perhaps} more ill than usual &
alone, & disappointed by my delay. She
however would not have written, at all I believe
if she had not been persuaded by two to whom
she told her uncomfortable fancies & who both
said surely you had better say this to the persons
concerned than to me — I think they were
wiser to blame than she — As to my having
come at a time when I was not wanted I suppose
she would not allow that ~~was~~ to be the true
statement. Certainly her mother was with
her & certainly the companionship which her
mother, on account of her blindness, must have,
was supplied by an aunt so that I have
hitherto rather felt it my business to keep out of
the way but ~~let~~ ^{let} ~~them~~ ^{them} in. Coming only for a month
I should feel me an intruder, but they have always been
asking me to be with them — it was entirely my own

by I have heard often lately of Mr.
 Jarvis Gifford from one of his
 parishioners, Lady Maryth Clements,
 who is aunt to my friend Lady Maria
 Rippel has been staying with her
 lately. Lady Maryth is a very good,
 benevolent woman, seems much
 pleased that a clergyman is come
 among them from whom she can
 feel some respect. -

How do political affairs please
 you? Educational, I doubt not,
 interest you still, and it is to be
 hoped there will be much improve-
 ment in the course of the next few
 years. Norwood is a pattern
 that must have effect - Yet I want
 you there are some little fragments
 of charlatanism there, which I did
 not like.

Once more accept the constant
 expression of my sincere & grateful
 regard & believe me dear Mr. N. -

Most truly yours Emily Taylor.

Feb 1. 47

My dear Mr. Nightingale

Time has slipped by, and
 when I think how many have
 passed since I communicated with
 you or yours I feel my own life
 I can assure you, and not without
 self-accusation. - The sight
 of Florence's handwriting was both
 welcome and reproachful, therefore
 but at all events I am glad to
 put my greetings to you, Mr. N.
 and your daughters into the cover
 with my Aunt's note - I can fancy
 that one from her, now just about
 to enter on her 88th year, will

interest you, and that you will
sympathize with me in my
happiness at seeing her almost
perfect enjoy ment of life
can bring to one living in so
quiet and unvarying a manner.
She still reads much; and works
of no common resolute. Within
the last few months I think she
has read 8 or 10 Oct. volumes
of abridgments of the Information
with the other lighter matter beside.

— We have not you well know
been exempt from affliction in
the last year, and the last
grief was the death of a sweet
little Boy, my Sister's youngest
child. — You too have had to
sorrow with your Brother's family

with the heavy blow which lately fell
upon them, and what they have
borne so religiously. — I hope
every comfort with brethren:
More & more we feel as life goes
on that our sweet things drop
away, except the sweetest of all,
and yet I do not find any stone
of happy employment lessened,
but can truly say there is more
accept enjoyment in it every
day. — Florence gives a most
pleasant acct. of Emily, but
not so good as one of herself
as to health — yet I hope there
is no serious ground for uneasi-
ness. My kindest love to her &
Parties & best regards to Mr. R.
Have you found a pattern Chryse?
yet? — I think I have seen many
since whom you w. like better
than — Mr. Walker — By the

the only person who has written to me.

I assure you my post at Embury has no way lessened my wish to see it with its living accompaniments - On the contrary it has stimulated my appetite & made me long for a repetition of the pleasure I enjoyed - Still I have an obstinate clinging to the inequalities of sea travel, which I have no doubt will abide with me.

Give my kindest regards to your daughters & my best respects to Mr. W. - We are all pretty well: my Aunt wonderfully so.

Most truly & gratefully yours
Emily Taylor.

Miss Buckenham
Nov. 25th

I have just heard from the manufacturers of Towels, & am promised transcripts of some, shortly -

Many thanks for the enclosed letter -

Dear Mr. Nightingale,

I shall much sooner have replied to your most kind note, which gave me the sincerest pleasure, but that I wanted to obtain answers to inquiries I have been making relative to the subjects you write upon with regard to another, that of a Cerygman, I cannot indeed offer any help, and think you must have mistaken me as to any prospect I held out of a suitable one offering for Embury, as I have not for some time known of one disengaged who was likely to prove to your purpose. As to Schoolmaster I really was deceived some days I might have mentioned a very clever and deserving young man, who I believe will have made a valuable country master, but he has set up for himself and prospers so well that he does not (with

for change. Then as to the most
miserably rough travelling, the
third subject, I wrote directly to
Liz where we were in the habit
of procuring the article, but was
told that it is no longer made
there & was referred to another
place, to which also I wrote, request-
ing specimens of their goods might
be sent over to me to look at.
To this application I have received
no answer, and shall write a-
gain - but meanwhile, will you
give me advice to say where
I am to send the article if I
can procure it - If it be in-
sufficient to as before I used to
cut 16 towels from a piece of
20 yards wh^{ch} was £1.1. -

I hope I can get it likewise

we have had, but am almost
afraid -

And now let me again thank you
for your most kind and friendly
letter. I have pleasure in thinking
that you knew my Brother's ability,
and saw how quiet and unob-
trusive a being he was - Long
indeed has the time seemed since we
heard of his decease, without one
particular of his last hours, and
we know not how or when we
may look to obtain them - It is
painful to think of his Physician
having sent him away powerless
merely to die among entire stran-
gers, and we can as yet obtain
no satisfactory explanation of this.
The Government officer who is
appointed to dispose of the
effects & answer the claims of
persons dying under these cir-
cumstances, has indeed been
applied to, but the Consul is

hooker in and is dangerous to the
sauce of little Hamburgs - (I think
it is not Hamburgs but am not sure)
-- However I dare say Julia will
write herself in a day or two -

Mr. Octavius is just called in, her
little one is better, - Aunt Maria
is here too & Mr. Millman, but
the latter goes on Thursday - I
follow on Saturday on my way
home - Julia is really looking very
well. Her kindest love with
mine to Martha & Flo. Her
movements Northwards depend in
some degree on Mr. Marshman's
Harriet's mother - but she will
not go I think till the latter
part of next week -

Ever, dear Mr. N.

Combe } Truly yours
Tuesday } Emily Taylor

My dear Mr. Nightingale,

Julia is very busy this morning
answering a few Despatches wh. she
found here on her way coming to London
last night, & I have undertaken, not
the impossible task of supplying her
place, but that of begging you to
wait patiently a day or two before
hearing from her. - I have also much
to say to you of my admiration of
Smiley - I was indeed greatly
struck with all I saw there, and
though constantly musing on
solitary state as sole inhabitants
(with Betsey) of that goodly pile
found much to interest and admire.
You ~~did~~ do not it is true allow
unhinders like ourselves free use
of your interior adornings, & I was
inclined to suggest that if your
architect had contrived a mighty
envelope wh. could have covered
the whole concern at once, it wd.

incurred you infinite trouble in packing
but then we sh^d. have lost the glimpse
we had of your extensive concerns.

We lived in the garden room & I
spare you through the kindness of
Mr. Degg & Betsey were well supplied
with all necessaries, and by the
gardener with luxuries - we also
visited some of your poor people,
and with the aid of your Poney
who though somewhat shy, was kind
enough to allow me a pretty long
ride upon him we reached the
Quaker Lodge, the road town. I
particularly admired - Julia did
all in her power in short to intro:
duce me, and though I sh^d. besore
to come twice without seeing the
usual inhabitants I am very thank:
ful to have been. We left Sarnley
on Saturday Morn^g & spent the day
in seeing Ramsey Church, Harby,
St. George's, Manchester College School.

about, rapidly as I now
hope them by, you will suppose
were very interesting to me (we
were obliged to give up Salisbury)
We left at Arleford on Saturday,
and came to Winchester to service
on Sunday at the Cathedral. - I travelled
up to London on Monday. - Mr. L. & Mr.
Hopkins were most kind to us - and now
we are you will well suppose very
happy here -

Julia begs me to say that she
ventured to give her advice
against the present plan of
poisoning Rats at Sarnley. - a
good many have been caught, I
believe, but the man said they
were now poisoning them, wh^{ch}
she thought likely to be a worse
remedy worse than the disease -
also she desired me to mention
that there is a well just at the
door of Eliza's cottage wh^{ch} has

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affecting particulars as to her
struggles & gladness that she is
here, so that it will be cruelly to
say a word more. The Queen
Dowager's visit at Marlborough
was illustrious, & certainly, the
servants saw her to great advan-
tage tho' they did not stay for
the fireworks, & Miss Barrington
was a very excellent act of the
glories of the day. She was sent
aboard & they saw her too going
away the next morning that Count
Mrs. Lumley's life was nearly
to go & barely paid her for the
several she had been as having

had a new carpet &c. I am glad to
see the Q. having been so long in the
country. The life & the service
has been very good.

My dear Mr. D. I enclose a letter from
Jeff, which I opened because I
saw in it a letter from Mr. Bendish
such a nice letter, to me! No other
letters have come, save one from
Miss Barrington, to ask us to hear
the school-fete, which I answered,
kindly of
thinking it ~~an~~ ^{kind} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~providence~~ ^{of} ~~with~~ ^{of} ~~it~~ ^{of}
even if you did come home in time,
was not to be despised, & a letter
from Harriet saying that the fete
is gone. No letters for Papa, save

tells a printed letter which then mentioned when there was; I am
can be so busy for. What body to Helen & Stone. It had a very
days we have! Poor Mother was nice evening at Compton's
Arrived yesterday, & the children pleased with to good. Even
looked very tidy in their 'dresses' yesterday, though it was very
morning'. I never saw such a hot walking down Little Boyer
wful sight as his poor widow. is actually much better, & has
she seems to be breaking her heart. Come in Hagar's cart (which Lane
Old Stone is complaining and ^{fortunately} led) as Papa suggested, twice to
almost abusive when you this house to her great benefit.
them. Acknowledges very poorly. I enclose Aunt Mai's letter
There is no frost or dripping in to you, which came in a cover
the house to give away to & not to land it on
all the people whom I know you to me, desiring me to read it,
saying that Amelia is coming on Sunday
and giving a few more things

is better than your affections
 Winkles

Friday morning

to be written

My dear Fanny

I believe Dick

told you we were to see
 Dr. Arnott on Wednesday &
 I dare say you will like to
 hear his opinion of your
 former patient. He agrees
 with Dr. Lee as to the affection
 of the heart but thinks it is
 not to any great degree & that
 with care he will in a year
 have entirely recovered it.
 He is to be particular about
 diet because derangement of
 the stomach would affect the
 heart but he does not consider
 that at present out of order

He is to be quiet & cheerful
& free from excitement.
I feel hopeful about him
as I find him willing to
do what is necessary. His
sprits are just now very
tender, the least allusion to
melancholy events throws him
^{into} great emotion. He is to take
minute doses of Ruffin acid
to allay this nervous state
& I trust in time / but not
in a short time / to see a
change. I feel truly thankful
that tho' his illness is serious
he has so little suffering
merely an occasional headache
& languor if he takes exercise.

Dr. Bennett traces this malady
to the Whooping Cough which
he had so severely three
years ago.

Let's come back so much
better for his visit to Emily
& he gave us such a
description of the weather
& place - he enjoyed it
thoroughly - I am going
with him to town to-day
to see Capt. & Mrs. Grey
who are come down
for a few days - They
sail I hear in about
five weeks. Best love to
the girls I hope. Nightingale.

accounted for by this - that she has not seen Octs since her illness before - & I always feel that we excite her as that is of course so strongly associated with us. Poor dear it is very ~~well~~ painful to see what a longing she has for a steady mind & how little she can command herself.

We were very sorry to leave Bouene with its clear bright waters & charming walks I could have spent 3 months there

My dear Fanny.

We were both more grieved than I can well express to be obliged to leave Southampton on Monday without your poor little girl! Octs did his very utmost & more than Adm^l Giffard I believe that right to get that wretched Father's consent but in vain - he chased him all down Southth & lost him back to Giffard & almost pulled her away twice but the other sister

interfered (for the poor thing herself was not unwilling) & so they all went back to Wallow to their vice & misery. Oh it is a heart breaking thought. If any thing further can be done which I fear is not possible we will gladly take her in here at any time ^{or if we do anything else to forward the plan if we are at Wumb.} The woman we leave here will be an excellent Guardian for her —

I suppose Mrs. Gifford has written you word of the departure of the other from the Southⁿ Penitentiary. It is altogether sad enough. I know ~~as for~~ you will be ~~greatly~~ disappointed. We came up on Monday night at 10 o'clock - spent 3 hours in Southⁿ. Mrs. Hopkins' boat met us - she looked remarkably well & handsome but certainly in a very unequal spirit laughing & crying alternately. I hope this may be

I desire me to add that
the Father would for ^{us} ~~us~~
to let the girl go was a
dogged determination to
sign a paper ^{wh. had been sent him} giving his
consent to her going abroad
if the Gov^t of the Society
shd think it desirable.
All his exertions to get
him to do this proving
fruitless he then endeav^d
to persuade him to send
his Daughter with ~~us~~
him but he obstinately
refused. I think the only
chance now is to make to the
Atholsey to see if he can catch
the Father in the humour & pack
the girl off ^{at once} & write to us.

with considerable pleasure
we are all so well & so
sun burnt - & so ragged
it is something ^{for me} to do to
set ~~us~~ ^{all} to rights
as to cloathing again I
assure you. I have begun
this morning by having
some of the exuberant
locks cut off & now our
beautiful faces are not
ruined ^{the} light I ^{see} ~~see~~ the
face of Uncle Sam's advice
"You shd not go to Slavery
meetings indeed you will
be pointed at" - This

was addressed to us
on our return from
hearing Mrs Loretta
Mott at Dr Hutton's
Chapel last night.
We are going to Mrs Kirk's
this evening to see her
& all the Americans
I was very much
delighted with Mrs Mott's
sermon indeed - - But
I must end for I have
a good deal to do now

With dear love I thank
her heartily for her
nice long letter &
hope she will write
as often as she can
& remember how happy
I shall be to be called
upon for that poor
child from Wellow
in any way -
Yr affec

J. L. S.

Thurs 8th

Wednesday

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Coleridge started
to write - we have
been thinking how
dear it will be to
see you - & he
has written enough
for me by the train
which goes at 9
30, I leave
for phase p or to Cornford,
I do not see the carriage of course
shall. I have been very happy here
& enjoyed the visit exceedingly, but
think it best to go, ^{representing} ~~the~~ ^{of our}
short time, & beside that the
Brothers come tomorrow & it is
difficult to continue the sort being
intimate with people I meet in
such different place.
Lady Sans House is quite charming

[illegible]

Have him invited, she is & like & they were both very nice indeed.
Mrs. Fowler I could have taken her next day came to us, I was
for her sister. a little stern, her hair ^{dark} brown & black & Lady Sibell
& grey hair, her eyes & straight & long protracted nose & they all
forward. her open speech & her enjoyed the "Marquis" exceedingly,
Minister's hard work for the people, & they were both perfect in their
of she is a fine thing to see, a very manners. & "not a bit affable" as
with women, very shy & not ^{quite} William I was said! yesterday three
days painfully so in London where the showers in west over the new
& dinner is awful. He is a regular cottages which Lady I wanted
one of the world, very entertaining ^{thorough} man in order for building in
very liberal, but not interesting to Pitt Rivers. she was really kind to
me particularly. he is shy too, & me, & ended by saying she was very
bawling for to make him talk. glad to have made my acquaintance.
The first night they were quite alone which don't tell May on or they
have Mr Rich, Douglas Galloway & the will laugh. but it was very touching &
tender from that

awake her and finally her head
 to her utter astonishment &
 do light, remaining upright -
 This was in the month of this year -
 the lady's name is given as Miss
 Collins, the account is in the Manchester
 Times of last month. ~~It is not~~
 that though neither Mr Braid nor
 we pretend to know the mode by
 which this treatment produces such
 effects, yet as we have such evidence
 that it has produced various marked
 effects on muscles & nerves, & as it
 appears to prescribe nothing painful
 or hurtful, I think we ought to try
 it, in an extreme case like Helen's,
 which during 2 years has derived no
 benefit from (as to the radical cause)
 from baths, rubbing, or external
 applications in the way of blisters -
 I confess I feel very little hope
 after so many disappointments,

Wm. Linn Smith. Can be used
 I shall be obliged to you to. Wednesday
 return the letters, 1844 -
 Don't hurry, We feel very grate-
 ful to you & R. for thinking of
 Miss in regard to our poor late
 friend. I have long wished for the
 advice & rubbing & baths there
 to be had, & if Braid should fail,
 & you should go, I dare say we
 should be thankful for the opportu-
 nity. We think we ought not to give
 up trying Braid. I read you his letter
 Miss Phillips's &c. I read the Haverhill
 as showing that after seeing much
 of Mr Braid ^{during} his stay at New-
 Bedford, he encourages him to offer
 what he has to say to the Moral
 Society. Mr. P. case, I am sure, has no
 experience to be - I only quote it, as
 showing the power of Mr Braid's treatment

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& that there is nothing ^{unpleasant} painful or
obnoxious in it. There are cases of
its effect on focalis ^{is very} re-
markable, one of a lady who writes
herself, giving her name & address.
After losing her voice, (being unable
to speak above a whisper) for 4 1/2 years
from focalis of the voice, for which
she tried in vain all the usual me-
dical treatment, she recovered it
entirely & has retained it, after
(I think) 9 of these sleeps, such as
Miss Phelps describes. There are also
cases, very remarkable, of the effect
of her treatment on focalis of limbs,
which not knowing her name here,
I cannot distinctly ^{quote} describe. I
cannot say that there was more
than one that appeared to me

a cure, but it seemed impossible
to doubt that there was benefit.
He gives particulars apparently
without the least intention to
do more than state facts -
There are two cases of spasms in
consequence of which the head
was fixed, immovably to the
shoulder. One of them I have the ac-
count by the father of the patient.
"Mrs. Brand desired her to look
steadily upon a silver lancet case,
which he held about 12 inches above
her head, but so that both eyes could
gaze upon the object. In a few mi-
nutes her eyes closed in sleep. He
extended her limbs, & made them
rigid. After her remaining thus about
2 minutes, he gently placed her head
upright, apparently with as much ease
as a mother would change the posture
of the head of her infant. He

I am wrote to Mother & have
yesterday to tell the King that
I proposed an earlier time
than the 1st for their visit
to you. Sam wants to hear
from it in order to propose
his time to the King. I expect
this Manchester Trial to
take place after Sam's return
from you. Joanna seems
inclined to defer any

more from it for a little
next month. I hope to see Julia
here soon, she is expected at
James with Hilary on Thursday.
Mrs. & Gerald were here on
Sunday, calling Jane pretty well.
He is on the look out for
Governor. Cook, Man, Murray
maid, & a mixture of House &
Lacy's maid. They all seem
greatly pleased with their

Loose in Bedford Sq. Hospital
was recovering well from the
wounds, the two little ones had
not shown signs of them on
Sunday. We expect our little
Brighton fairly up about the 15th
or it may be a little later.

Yours truly
Mr.
I am thankful for his letter
& will take care about the
Horse.

Still I am certain that I
now should feel that I had
done what was right to the
best of my ability not to be
the trait, especially as her
father is most decidedly
of opinion that we ought to
do so. Should it fail it will
be a comfort to me that there
may be still some hope of
finding a remedy at Paris, & we
thank you much for holding
out that possibility to us.

- Ly. Finckelben & Ly. Ruyf Gordon's
 jewels, Polytechnica, 184
 - M. P. L. ...
 - ...
 - ...

I found your packet, (but have
 looked in vain for the little
 triangular bulletin) also a
 Morning Post, that Pop. & He
 may read the account of the
 putting down Rubini - of
 the allusions to the stolen Diamond
 of the Dfs of Gordon - I have
 about this, I have heard nothing
 but another story, on good autho-
 rity, of a robbery of cameos
 & a ring, of Lady Baginbun
 Gordon's at Kensington Palace

On missing them Lady Rug^a
called up all her servants &
announced that they must all
go leave her - not that she sus-
pected them, but that in her
capacity of Palace-Housekeeper
it behooved her to take the
precaution, for fear of any
future plunder of the Royal
property - The Butler then
asked whether he might name
the person whom the servants
suspected - Lady R. G. said
yes - & he named Lady
Wonskilssea who had been
staying with her - it

letter was then written to Lord
Windhills - & in the mean time
Lady W herself had mentioned
the subject to him - "with a see, my
Enemies are again attacking
me," (because this is not
the first accusation of the
poor man -) If poor man
he was dreadfully shocked &
threatened Lady Augusta for
deformation - ^{whereupon} ~~upon which~~ Lady R.
Lawyer however went to him &
suggested, "Would it not be better
first, for Lord W to examine Lady
W," jewel-caskets himself, that
otherwise he, the Lawyer must

do it by search - warrant - Poor
Ld. W. sent for the boxes & their
keys. (Lady W. was absent,) &
in one of these boxes, the stolen
things were found - The story
sounds improbable does it not?
but it has riveted many others.
I thought I discerned that it
could be taken up as a party
business by the Tories, &
perhaps this story other story
about the old robbery of the
Dy of Gordon is a countermining
reflecting on some of Lady Ayrshire's
people in Lord Wanshill's

is 53 -- Lady Wontholme much
younger, very beautiful, was Maid
of Honour to ^L G Adelaide -- Her
Mother Lady Bagot -- Sir Charles's
Wife, is sister to Long Wetherley
an excuse I think for much
folly & madness in the descendant.

I have been delayed in going to
Goswick by Mrs Clarkson's, advising
me to avoid the Apikes, & now
perhaps she will write to me to
avoid the Election, & therefore I have
had another attack of Influenza
or whatever it may be & Mr Wynt
is very anxious I should set off --
He has seen me twice & compliments

me, notwithstanding little relapses she was at once struck by
on the wonderful recovery of health her interest in the business
— It is very interesting to witness they were about —
me to see how countenance & of course Miss Joyce is not to
character make beauty, or be a Nun — but the very
answer better — that lady thought frightens me —
Elizabeth Levison Jones — Miss Mrs Boyce has had a very
Murray told me of a happy letter from Jane, & she
years ago — The accompanying paper from her, & Harriet
the Dr. Chubb to some Margaret & Julia — She writes
charity one morning — I was from the Steam Boat, & the
sometime in the carriage before postmark in Frankfurt, so it is
Miss M (as lady I was not a little more recent than
introduced Harry, simply draped) my Aunt — I had joined
knew who she was, but parties in the boat with
W Barclay, carrying 3.
sons to Hoffwyh — The

monster!" Also they have
the Charles Keane, & the Paggi-
Furrolinis — I had
seen a little of beautiful
Antwerp, — & Grand had
come all well — but Flora says —

I have always intended to ask
you after Mrs Duckworth's
Marcella Nugent, as Miss
Therrell seems to be (in case
Miss Nugent wants help) continually
applied to for Governesses
of some kind or other —
Also to mention that I ^{confided} ~~thought~~
you did not rely on me to

indifferently & repeated to
me the prettiest child's prayer
in German taught him by this
man — Not being well I
have only seen this child —
His father is dead, having
married two sisters, (how I hate
to write it —) & his relations
are busy right wing, & his
nurse, friend-servant, he is left
to the German Footman, &
their dialogues are the drollest
things as Lindwinc repeats
them — The German puts
him to bed, the child cries

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coming Mr Foster's message (the
result of your visit,) to Mr Lytton.
I have hoped from day to day to go
to Clapham — but the weather
has been too sunny for expectations
which always pay me a good
deal — in spite of Mr Lytton's
assurances that I am comparatively
now quite well — There is a
French ~~foreign~~ family in this Hotel
just now come to see London.
An old Father & Mother, and
widowed daughter — a grandchild
of 15. & a grandson of 5 —
& a priest — an English baronet
& a German Footman —

Saturday morning, the
German asked Leo for a bit
of black silk to disguise
his gold hat-band &
Cockade. To give them in fact
the semblance of mourning,
saying that he had been
refused admission to the
Polytechnic Exhibition, on
consequence of these Badges -
He gave him some silk & he
went to work with his needle
Meanwhile Ben came to
pay me his daily visit - I

told of the Man's contrivance
& what a pity if he were
disappointed of seeing the
Divis, about whom he was
very curious - What did
Ben do, but march back
straight to Strandford Square
in order to give the German
one of his own hats, & some
free addresses for himself &
fellow-servant - & the tiny
boy who is by the bye
a most engaging atom - speaks
french, english, german

the new Edinburgh Review
on German Commerce is by
W Austin. He was hatching
it all winter at Dresden.
Has Nightingale read it —
Goodbye — Eyes as blue
as I am rather comfortably
to-day, let W Bryant say
what he pleases — He proposes
me to be gone first to Spain
(if I will) & then north — This
is at least disinterested — He
tells me it's all a mistake about
hard dumplings being unwholesome
— is quite enthusiastic for "Dandelion
Coffee & unleavened Bread" —
Nobody need be dyspeptic who eats this
but — I hope you will write without
hesitation — W. B. Smith

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for his nurse — The German
says: "Then dost not thou love
me?" — The child still crying
"yes I do love thee; but my
Nurse had promised to take
me out with her — & now she
has left me all day, & is not
come back —" The German
answers: "Thou must understand
that she ought to love her own
friends better than she loves thee
Come, leave off crying, or I
shall be cross with you for ever
— He is a good man —
poor manikin compares his lot —
He is wonderfully good & clever —

I enjoyed the sight of the
diver at the Polytechnic
as much as anybody —

This is not exactly a
correspondence for grown
up people, but you may
be glad of an anecdote for
your little ones —

(afterwards Willis)
Flora Wynch's death is in the
paper. You can scarcely remember
her — but she was the first
flask I ever saw or heard
of. & the first to present to
my mind the notion of an
unhappy marriage — How

then W Lovett & Mrs
Chute — & Lady Grant's little
Constance — all dead —
but not in London
all these but not in London
London was scarcely even so
healthy — The Prayers
ask 400 a year for their
house — but from what
Caroline said I think
they would let it for the
winter half-year in much more
lower terms — I have seen
some of the Montgomery family
Miss Ashin & Mrs Reeve
The Astor (the last) in

to me, it is always tortures, &
 yesterday, the little I had done
 has sadly renewed my nervous
 pains - Their instruments,
 appear like working in my
 brain & spine, not my
 mouth, & it is well as you
 I had depended. The evil
 hour, & increased the
 need - but the complaint
 from which I suffer being
 on the nerves of the brain
 makes me thus in constant
 suffering from trifling
 causes - and, the hands, &
 heart, are more at ease,
 I cannot look for entire
 relief, but am truly thankful
 to have some days, & weeks
 occasionally ease, & many
 many, hours, of quiet

Ms. Offley Nov 134.

You were most kind dear
 Florence in taking the trouble
 you have done, in writing
 about the journey -
 at the same time I had
 a line from Mr. Nightingale,
 asking if we were still en-
 gaged - at this moment
 we are not, & I am, I
 have a vain hope, that
 the most kind & valued
 friend, will forgive in-
 previous help much
 saying I - to come to us -
 we shall know her decision
 in a few days, & I shall
 then write to Mr. Nightingale

who so very kindly opens her
aid, and on whose judg-
ment in the selection, I.D.
value more highly, than
any other - To her, I have
given the little detail of
our future hopes and
wishes, and uncertainty
about evidence etc. - think
she will say to you, & I will
not weary by repetition,
for I always fear to say
too much of self, and
have interests - No! to you
I now feel, I may do so,
& meet with every affec-
tionate sympathy - & you will

feel how much, as before in
dear Carry's letter, that
I am not without escape
infection - change of air
we hope will restore the lost
strength, & then all will be
well - They regretted so much
not seeing you, & I also deem
Florence, & I have walked
over the next week - I have
determined to do so, but
not being obliged to leave
home early, which was a
great disappointment - I have
been hoping a visit to F. from
Mr. Murphy - I am sorry to find
you have occasion to visit him
so frequently - I do wish him
some gentle pleasuring than
any in his profession, but

happiness, with the two deers
one around our fire-
side —

Your weekly vol. is a trea-
sure to us, and the ~~very~~
anxiously looked for, that
is to bring a new one — to
with you a fund of in-
formation & pleasure, for
lucious hours —

Just now, we are reading
Y^r family Thanksgiving
address to us — ~~for~~
I have often made the
attempt to read from
the address — but could
^{not} with comfort —

We leave this on the 13th.
for our sister's hospitable
manion - I shall then
see again, my two dear
sisters - who I die kindly
told to believe my cases
when Cary, began in
the fall - Having ^{to}
with join us on the 20th -
I have omitted to say
to Mr. M. Smith again
for a person for her
school. when there - it is
a most excellent place,
I shall feel much
interested to know how

it succeeds - Mary, I
see, and as you have
become a correspondent,
do give me a line,
when you have time.
It will be a real pleasure
to see to hear of you all.
I hope dear Father
has not felt this cold
damp weather -
to her my love, I think
for a week, kind sister
some time ago -
So go Father our kind
regards, I love you very
much to you both -

Yours friend
Elizabeth Snow

Thos. Farday for Miss Hooker
 about a week
 My dear Madam 184-

I regret extremely that
 my engagements are such
 as will not allow me
 to leave the pleasure of
 seeing your Rhododendrons
 & paying my respects
 to you & Mr. Nightingale
 this season. I am
 engaged on Saturday
 & all next week.

Next year I trust to
 be more fortunate if
 you are at home.

Your fern which
 I have hoped to have
 returned to you in London

in person, is a very
rare & picturesque one:
describes one. All
that I know of it is
from a small speci-
men given me by Sir
Edw. Smith many
years ago & still pre-
served in my Herbar-
ium. It is recorded
by Sir James "Dawson",
n. sp. Nov. Hollandia.

I have never seen any
other specimen, though
few collections are made
in Terra Nova very
soon from all parts of
the world. I shall be

curious to know where
this one comes from.
New Holland? I presume,
but from which particular
coast?

With kind regards to
Mr. Nightingale, I am,
Believe me,
very dear Madam,
faithfully
Yours,

W. J. Hooker

We tested the strength
of the iron ribs of our
great stove yesterday with
ten tons, & the iron
did not yield an inch.

in any dry warm idle place - preparatory to fixing on another journey or a flat - but I do not feel up to Paris at present as he getting so far as Nice or Rome is all gone or Florence - However I shall soon be better don't doubt -

on many subjects - but
as the children will
go to Hastings with
their Papa for some
I shall be quite free
for a quiet winter -
only let it be away
from the family & all

talking about what has
passed - If my Aunt
does not like to have me
(& the whole comfort of
the plan depends on
that,) then You know
how comfortable I can
always make myself

been to — He is my steady friend.
 I don't shock his high churchism
 She is a very good woman, quite
 inclined to be friendly, if you
 will not drive her away, (as you
 sometimes do good folk)

Those up the Wth before
 goes to Scotland to shoot

Yours affly
 J. L.

Witcham - August 1-

Dear Nephew. I told Ben of your letter
 but did not give it him - saying I
 should lay hands on the ^{T.S.D.} 77.4.8 for
 a fund - not for Adams - but in
 aid of such objects as w^d otherwise
 come on him (Ben) in support of
 family claim - To which Ben already
 & Nicholson has given his 77.4.8. to
 put in the new institution - The first
 thing we should do, is to help out old

William with 1/2 a week out of
your 1 c 1/2 out of mine - Petering
would give him 10/ a week for
the legacy (150) - c if one or 2
more of us add a trifle more, he
may do very well, without troubling
you -

I mean (at present) to come
down on Thursday next - by the
Midland Counties train - to day.
So if you come home that day for
'neighbors', you may carry me c

My pocket-square home - I go Saturday.

Paullett Thomson is to be a Peer -
c means to be L^d Wootton of Wootton
where he has not an acre - a
cool thing, I think - c so does
Nicholson -

Lamarchant's will come to
you on the 12 or 13th - He
wants to hire a carriage at Bath
for his stay there - Cannot you
arrange it for him with Mr. Holmes?
Would you be dreadfully civil to him?

Shirbrooke is at Seaford
Hotel. 2 Brook Street
No 48 — I have
been thinking of what
you said yesterday abt
acquaintance & popularity
& I think I have hit
it — Idleness & a
certain reserve are the
sunkin rocks of the
family, the greater
people's advantages the
less so & they rest on
their Oars — Yr affs
M J Smith

MS 9042/23
5 Marlport Quay
June 19

My Lanny

I have taken courage
to plague Miss Murray
once more, & hope for
to ask for one line of
directions by rail to
Sunday's post — Mountain
very truly Mrs Fowler
can speak with certainty
to the first steps

for a Candidate for
the C. F. Society's
admission - but if
you have the books
you are there to find
them — If I were
not so ill, & so busy
I wd take the trouble
to write, if possible, now —
off your hands. The
~~misunderstanding~~
~~misunderstanding~~ I
am in bed — In

dear Mr. J. I would
have fetched my maid
& walked to the Bath
which stills the pain
directly. & this morning
I am not worse than
usual & very sorry
to have worried you
who are so worn & busy
it is well that you should
but then out of truth &
wishes are what I have
most to avoid, & when
pain & faintness follow
of course it frightens me
Do you know that lady

any good - No. unitarian could
by any possibility, - no Jew -
no deponent, - a plus forte
raison, no Catholic, being
the nearest to them of any -

Would You believe that one
day in the winter, I was, in
my humblest & most abject
tone, pleading that each
& every one of these might
do a little good, to the

Negro followers of Pheak.
& my great & really kind
Christian ^{opponent} shook his head, -
for all reply - We were

pleading for the Pheak's ^{disgrace}
I wish You had been there
to hear the dialogue, (for it
was between two Gentlemen) - I
would have given You an idea,
at least, it was the first
time I ever really obtained
a notion, how much all our
Emancipations, have
narrowed the ground &
swayed the ranks, of the
genuine Protestant Defenders -

But to the moral of my
tale, as You love rail-riding
so much, with You ^{come up &} not give
the honor of your sanction

to some of the approaching
meetings (I do not yet know
what they are) on a more
extended basis & expansive
principles - I wish ~~it~~ the
more, that all liberals should
flack from all quarters, not
only, to afford O'Connell
the compensation due, - he in
fact does not need it -
but because Mr Clarkson
is coming up - the blind
old man, ^{of his immediate family} with none ^{to} attend
him but his son's Widow
& her little boy - (It will be

like Polivarius won't it) -
^{because} If this private & unworthy spite
of the Wilberforces against ~~it~~
him, deducts from the uni-
versal cordiality, which he
once was sure of - He
will have Hosts, but not
ill, as formerly to cheer
him - What he
comes up to attend, is strictly
a meeting of delegates, but
whether that is what people
call the Congress, of all
nations, I do not quite
understand - It ought to be
a fine sight & ~~worth~~ ^{worth} ~~coming to~~
coming to

the leaders of this Lyttelton Hall
 having had previously deter-
 mined not to invite him
 to speak — "The states-fact that Nightingale
 being the only form of L. G.
 which can benefit the
 Africans." — Men is sorry and
 that he did not go to
 the previous — Consulting meet-
 ing, just to record his
 vote against such exclusion
 & I am always glad when
 that idle man sees cause to
 regret his own idleness —
 but he would not have

Thank you much for the
 two notes, they & my crutches
 will I hope be introduction
 sufficient to the German Body
 You will know be glad to
 hear that all crutches ^{after dashes} are
 & now are thrown by ^{now}
 & that if it had not been
 for this Influenza — ^{See the}
 pulling me down, down, down
 I might have made a race
 with you — — — — — Men &

the few people I see & hear of,
are deep in the politics of
this last Tuesday's - Extinction
of Slavery - meeting, which
appears to me to have
been a conspiracy for the
Revival of Tyranny &
Intolerance - You have
read the denunciations we
saw, in the Morning Chronicle
Peaceable people say there has
been a misunderstanding, but
that the groans were not
intended for O'Connell -
that he came in just as

Mr Buxton was speaking of
the poor suffocated Africans
for whom the Audience were
already expressing their ^{cordial} sympathy, & that therefore
the Howl could not be
^{originally} meant for the Liberator

Be that as it may, Mr
Buxton forgot himself
most miserably, if he
really said, that "Mr O'C"
would he was sure withdraw
sooner than be the cause of
confusion - Was there
ever such a base device -
but the fact is that they

& will now now be met
with, till we all get to
Heaven. go right to

If I hear that the meeting
is worth coming to, depend
on my most bigoted
prejudice of you, whenever
I may be —

Yours
W. H. W.

I have hardly ever seen
you so very piqued for
you know he is a Civilization
Man — but splits are
after good things if we can
but agree to differ —

3.
I will worth promoting — for let
them run to me at least & that
it is no longer any one measure
that will annihilate the evil
that every Country & every
nation on every sea must
suff & strike in their own way.
& that; why, it strikes me
as so utterly demented to
have disgusted O'Connell
just when the Pope has issued
his rescript against Slavery
& that there are (I think)
600,000 Catholics in ^{the U.S.} America
let alone Mexico & Cuba
America bound in duty to act
upon it — We are gone.

to war with Portugal by
Act of Parliament!!! Why,
you may strike the Atlantic
with crinoids, & make a
line ^{of ships} from pole to pole. You
will rather accelerate the
current of misery that is
pouring into Texas & those ab-
solutely devastated lands, at a
profit of 185 per Cent.
The system that people are
right so far, - but it is only
the spiritual arm that
can put down the abuse -
then why on a difference
of faith ^{do you} refuse this

the Pope's help - To
in the greatest hypocrisy
of all, seems this insistence
upon Unity, this ~~insistence~~
constant saying that Truth
is One - No doubt
Truth is one, but it
has always been said that she
was hidden from our eyes
in a web that we were
all to look for in our own
way. - & when the Reform
Bible papers, I doubt not
the hurry-busy, she took
an unthoughtful flight,

Aug. 9. Septe

My dear Mr. Nightingale

I am sorry you are going - before
 our reach - for I fear me that
 ere long we shall never reach - yet
 I will think & talk about it when
 my sister comes back on Thursday from
 Rumpston - where she is visiting a
 week's pastime (going off to see her
 in her little curfew) - our dear
 Boy, is getting well, under the care
 of a country practitioner - instead
 of an English martyrdom in a London
 lodging for the sake of Alexandre,
 which was now being his fate - they
 intend leaving us on Saturday &
 going very soon to the sea - I
 think it will be Brighton - see
 any of your kind & little to be brought

there - if any of your nice people
could it would really be a
pleasure (on our part) to bring
them acquainted with Fred. who
is willing for such society - as
listening to reading last go on for
ever - & pleasant walking compari-
ons would be invaluable to him -
I wish I could have presented him
to your circle. -

Parthen's gift is a model of party
workmanship - I am equally thankful
to me - to be duly valued - assure me.

The day before your letter came,
viz Saturday, your movements were
discussed upon at our table - I
trying to put up John Parker to the
chance of finding you still at Leamington
but he could not leave stay all night
here - & mounted his steed for a

moonlight trot home - is going I think
tomorrow to Westworth house -

Next Monday the Babes come
for a visit - & I fear I shall
not be equal to the test of the
Bible music meeting, when
I am invited to meet the gay
Pumpstones - I mutter to myself
if we two ancient Spiritists were
good for any thing, we should
be able to write them, & strike money
to Embley - the unwearied bene-
dict of which Mr. Parker set us
more than once ago to behold.

I must quickly conclude. Love
gratefully yours J. H. Stowe

be in the same Boat to (lead).

Peper is much obliged for
your expenses & kind
messages. I writes me
in best regards from
Cuba. Believers

Dear Mr. Lightfoot

Yr. affec.

Franklin

23. D. K. L.

24. July.

My dear Mr. Lightfoot,

I am much obliged for
your kind notice of us - we are
becoming satisfied with what
some weeks ago we hoped
was the road to ease, - but
I fear it is not likely that
dear Papa will ever be free
from his complaint - but it
may slowly pass away in good
air - We are pleased at
the result of a consultation

yesterday with Dr. Dalton
who quite agreed with Dr.
Lindsay, that there is no
ailment in the Lungs - all
the evil is in the Throat,
since they say there which
irritates the passage of air.

but quiet & attention to
any symptom of throat trouble
keeps it away in fact -
there has been no difficulty
all the week, & a short ride
in the close carriage came
home on Thursday; so

that it is in obedience at
present. The spirits are good
& Papa is occupied a
great deal with his Books.

Papa is talked of for as
I think in about a month
to may go there & make a
long stay. Your pretty Country
could not suit; I am sure
I hear of your suffering there.

Helen said me a very kind
thing with a Tuesday week.
be proud that another
family of our friends could

I will write, I shall send it to
you. Dear it is such a comfort
& delight to me to hear that you
are so well, & I am very glad
to hear from you that the
you are very good. As Anne
I am & G. hope to visit to Harrow
Sunday. Dear, I hope you will be
very careful not to presume on your
own strength, but get a good
stock before you begin to visit.
I am ready to tell you at any
time that she is to go for I don't
mean to begin any more talks but
when she was gone what did I
do? Suppose I had gone to the
the long vacation, then I might
but Mary, I think, into the house, &
meet with some help in the vacation.
Much as I long for Martha, I don't know
how to bring her in just now.

Dear Anne, Don't think me
shall buy a piano just now.
I am has nearly begun the year
with collecting and laying in
what he thinks we are to have
so we have not money forth-
coming for any large purchase.
Moreover, he thinks till our
plan is made for next year
we had better not spend. I am
so glad you could tolerate a little
my looking for an outflow. It
is not that I believe my health
and suffer here & I don't like not
Blanch, but I think being that
up here all the spring & summer
was distressing in the pleasure &
imprudence of her little
life, & I don't like to look
forward to such another year
of separation. I am considering

now our keeping Duke & for
I told her frequently if I had
persuaded her to give up a
house in town, which I say
and be giving up the prospect
but I think we might also
afford, a sitting room & 2 bed
rooms & a garden at Hampstead
or Dalmeida or Herne Hill within
reach of a ride for Sam. There
Blanch & I might live in spring
& summer, & I am almost every
day like hammers & for weeks
the other day we got up an hour
too early by mistake & he was
ready to be off by the fact of
without any difficulty I'd
not help saying that he had
been going to leave his house
ride to chambers. As it is

he is really idle in a margin
& is now I am entirely free.
Glad what to do, I have no objection
to look to in both places & people
just now dropping in with me
we both glad to see, but without
a servant to depend upon
and he more, whereas I am
have no trouble at all, I am
glad to hear about the matter of
going, nor she to be having
told, she was to go directly if
she discovered the behavior quite
well, then I am hoping to go
to Cambridge with you, & mother
is arguing with me to come to
see her, one or both of these things
I am sure to do, so that Blanch
has not the prospect of being much
here. I have got a letter from
her quite a curiosity & kindly

I have not the feeling or hope
that she has been dishonored or
ill-treated, but quite the contrary.
I think she has been ^{unjustly} ~~very~~ ill judged
& extremely disagreeable, but so long
as she is not so, I feel inclined to
keep her till I can get someone
to put in her place, by whom I should
be a gainer & not a loser in the
change.

I'm thinking, suppose she could
stay with Sam while you are headrick
of which I am glad & I'd like you might
perhaps read Betty to cook for him & I
would part with her, certainly if you
or he would have a feel of not being so
comfortable with her in the house I
think that would not be a bad plan
Sam & Louisa dined at Whittemore's yesterday
Melrose was there who was decrying the
state of things as usual, "Everything is
in a low state now, there is no such a
thing as a polished gentleman now" Is not
this a polished gentleman? said Carter pro-
ducing Polk who was standing in his vest
coat with his hands in his pockets & looking
to the fire.

Clapham - Monday 14th

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My dear Fanny, & Alice /

Many thanks for your letter, & the
 Section; & that you mentioned having sent
 two, yet I received only one -

Maria, does not subscribe to the School
 you mention, or she would be happy to have
 given you her vote - -

I have given your kind message to E. & Anne,
 for Fanny who remains still I am sorry
 to say, unable to see one, her weakness is so
 great, that she can neither see, nor
 read, or pray, & when Mrs. Elizabeth Bonnet,
 General passed over the Communion Saturday
 her remark was, "I only hope I shall soon feel"
 yet still Dr. Piers changes not his opinion
 that she will soon be better - only think
 that it will be three years, next August
 since she has put her foot to the ground
 & only been carried from one ^{little} room to the other
 all that time -

And how what a delight it is to have
'dear Porthey' to call! how can we be
sufficiently grateful! but I tremble to think
that you have even an idea of taking her
on day to London, surely that will not be
necessary. I cannot give you any
better account of Mr. Daw, I have, wished
for more advice on Saturday & yesterday
he was to see Dr. Pennycuik & Mr. Graham
& Maria, we are going to Town to see him
we are to have a party on Wednesday
Richardson is in, unless this should prevent
it - it was fortunate they had left
this house & taken up their abode at
Weymouth St. at her sister's & Mr. Saffers -

I did once tell you, that Lady Mildmay
has given Charles Dyer, the living of
Godmersfield, 7 miles from London
& they all leave here soon on the
25th, Mary Anne, is to reside with her brother

Charles & Fanny has taken up her
residence at Brighton, with a Miss Mount,
a near relation of Mount Bible who
can accommodate 3 ladies at 2 hundred
a year, & by all accounts a desirable home,
at least my dearest are well satisfied,
& the plan, being necessary for Fanny
to be there in the year, it appears just & better.
We are expecting the Jones Grooming
next Friday 18, on their way to Paris,
they will remain a week, & then
depart. Mrs Jones has never been on
the Continent & the Jones being there
they will all be happy together -
I only wish either you, or Selina
had mentioned Paddy, is she still at P?
& in her old quarters, 130 steps high?
Mrs Gillies, remains very ill, only out of
her bed one half hour in the day.
I had an audience on Sunday at her
request, she means to leave Cheltenham

At the end of 6 months she the house
will be no longer here, & I think probably
and her day, at Brighton she has 6
hundred a year but that's do pay with
Mountain - she would not like it -
there was an end of mine hundred a
year at his death - & she has left a
world of Legacy, all her friend seems
to have been rising since which she has
her greatest comfort. & if Patty had
been here she would have seen her
written to her and could not I believe
frame a pretty little epistle, in that
Marian name. I oh she did prose
me so much about that I smelt
& all his crew suffering I believe
terribly about those Miss Gallies
but happily I never knew them,
or their party -

I have just seen 3 such beautiful
water colour of "Hillside" sent to
Lady Lucy Manners to copy, you must
purchase the Lake House! Lucy is
a nice person & I always enjoy a little
visit to her - ~~the~~ her sister is to marry
at "Lester" - adieu dear Henry
M.C.

W^m Nicholson
illness of little Kate

Monday. Sunday

My dear Fanny. I am all
improving now or at least slowly I
am eating now for my bed where I
have been six days & lived with a
little sitting up & down the evening
Mr. mini has had a cold attack &
no lasting inconvenience is likely to
occur from it. poor Kate continues
perfectly deaf & Mr. Norton I guess
to say ~~you~~ she says the chances
are against her recovery but
dear me, ~~where~~ she is
walking & dally, in strength

your then carried about
like a baby - He thinks I have
myself of her present state
generally but Luchini & I
having seen her recover
from quite as great a degree
of depression many times
have no fear as to her recovery ^{now}

Mayhew continues very weak
& slow. & can hardly be persuaded

to sit up & talk on the sofa

perhaps four girls will visit her in a quiet
way

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 at the season for suffering
 Wm. Nicholson Sunday

Dec 22

My dear Lanny. Poor little Lillie
 died early this morning after just
 three weeks of illness. I felt sure
 she was suffering for entering happily
 for her, her susceptibility of pain when
 all along, unaccountably ~~long~~ I felt
 exceedingly dull and on this occa-
 sion I think I may truly say
 recently so. The fever that
 with the dysentery felt upon the brain
 with the pain felt upon the muscles
 the German dysentery exclusive of internal
 when ^{this} afflicting the heart, & ~~the~~
 the trigger & throat, & yet with ~~only~~

at this season for suffering
the restlessness & weariness from
want of sleep was the great evil.
Mr Newton is full of opinion
that his deafness was wholly the
result of a thinning of the
membrane of the ear & ever consulted
about it and that there was not
highly increased in health or happiness
as the years older but still it is
impossible to find with him without
regret, and gladly would I see him
again & what I mean, generally happy
often joyous & a rich capacity of
feeling affection - I do not mean

In making allusion with respect
to the boys, I certainly very much wish
that Sam should be with his father
at the funeral sleeping in Tarnham
the night before ~~the~~ only meeting Sam
in the open ^{air} & separating again before
as soon as the ceremony is over I
join you again at E. I wish you
would be the kind by return of
Post whether this would be alarming
to you - For I have had much
of this morose business up to this
within the last year & half 2 of the best
books, a sister & more child but the
more much heavier that low myself
have fallen; May I have ^{continue} ~~continue~~ work

delicate invalid, but does make progress.
Lucy's has been the most devoted
nurse & Kate as trying task it has
been, Mrs. Helwater has kept the other
two separated with the most necessary
vigilance, herself always cheerful & active
& I trust they are now quite safe from this
unhappy illness. Mrs. Johnson's nursing of
Mary Anne has not as I should feared done
her much harm. ~~There is~~ a little fall of our
own melancholy creature. We shall be very

Dec 22
Mrs. Nightingale
Embly Row
Hants