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My dear Sisters, We have just received a letter from sweet Francis, and I cannot help thinking (at least hoping) from its contents that he still preserves his taste for study - but here is the copy.

" My dear Papa, I hope you have been
" pretty well lately - It is now the "
" Easter Holidays and I was asked "
" out last Monday and then I saw "
" a review of the National Guards "
" which I liked very much - It has "
" been very warm for some months and "
" I think we shall soon begin to bathe "
" in the sea - Thank you for buying "
" me those five shillings of flower seeds "
" please to thank Emma for taking "
" such care of my Garden and Bessy "
" for my carnations when they return "
" Home - I suppose that almost all "
" the flowers at Home are beginning "
" to blow - I hope that little Herman "
" is better of the Croup - Please to tell

Come if the Alderney cow has calved"
 "I can now speak French pretty well"
 "In your next letter please to tell me"
 "if Adèle has any german master"
 "at mistress as Miss Abich is mar-
 -ried - It will not be more than"
 "three Months to the Midsummer"
 "Holidays - I have been learning"
 "a great deal of Conchology lately"
 "I hope that all at Home are quite"
 "well - Have you had any letters from"
 "Darwin or Erasmus, when do you"
 "think Erasmus will come home?"
 "For it is a long time since he left"
 "us - I suppose that Mr French has"
 "a great deal of land to herself"
 "as Mr Millington is dead - I"
 "have neither begun dancing or fencing"
 "Good bye and believe me"
 "your most affect^{ed} son"

"F Galton"

Is it not a nice letter? dear little
 Fellow I am sure he is not aware
 what pleasure it gives us all to

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heard him
From, else he would write often
We all enjoy Leamington much
and were it not from a calculation
that I have made ~~viz~~ that I shall
lose thirty six hours of practicing
that is allowing three hours ^{for} each
day, I should wish never to leave
it. Lucy has told you almost
every thing except that we have
seen Mr Jones the Surgeon who
alas! did not recognize us —
We have just received a letter
from Fawcett, who still seems
to be anxious to enter the Army
but has not yet received Papa's
letter about advising him to
enter the Infantry, instead
of the Cavalry — The letter is written
in very good French, and he tells
us that Uncle Howard is going
to make a Tour in the south
of France and that little
Robert is growing a Beauty

Uncle Darwin has also sent
us a very kind letter, saying
that he has had a personal
interview with Lord Hill, who
has been most gracious and
condescending with regard
to Darwin, and assures him
that his Nephew requires no
introduction, and that he
will send my Uncle in writing
his opinion about what steps
ought to be taken, so now
I think Darwin is in a fair
road for entering the Army.
Really I begin to like Uncle
Bob after all — Thank you
dear Bessy for your letter, How
happy you both seem to be.
What a kind (or what Francis
would call kindissimo) Aunt Anne
Gurney is — From your affectionate
Sister Abigailton

Dearest Bessy I cannot tell you how often
I have thought of you and my dear Aunt
during this great trial more especially of you
as this being the first time you have witnessed
death it must have made ^{such} a deep impression
on you I also wish with you that I had
been able to see my dear Grandfather remain
I never shall forget the last time he
shook hands with me I felt as he walked
out of the Dining room that I might never
see him again and so it has happened
Thank you for telling me he mentioned
my name among ^{those of} the other members of
the family for it did indeed make me
very glad to think that he ^{had} so kindly
remembered me — We all dear Bessy
feel very much obliged to you for writing
such nice long letters to us what a
deal of writing you must have had
to do & how happy you must feel in
being of ~~any~~ use to my Aunt — I must

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own I felt very sorry to hear that Aunt
Sophia has fixed to live near Birmingham
as I could not help hoping that she
might live near here we could see
her so much oftener and that there
are such a many pretty houses of
all sizes and descriptions however
wherever she may be I do hope we
may often be able to be with her for
I do love her most affectionately -
From your letter I fear Aunt Booth
has suffered much will you give
my love to her as well as to my Aunt
Sophia - Lucy comes to us tomorrow
we shall as you may suppose be delighted
to see her & James. Only think sweet
Francis sets off ~~the~~ from Boulogne

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Today week - ~~Dearest~~ Child how rejoiced
we shall be to kiss again his dear
freckled face! - A card was left at
our door to say that a Mr White from
Cambridge is anxious to give lessons
to private pupils in Greek Latin &
Mathematics I have kept the card
as it may hereafter be useful
either to ~~Frankie~~ or myself -

Good bye dear Bessy ever believe
me yours very affectionately

Adèle Galton



My dear Mopsy, I wish you would tell Aunt Sophia &
Aunt Adèle how much I feel for them, and I should
have written to tell them so, but knowing how much they
have to do & think about, that it would only be a trouble
to them. Tell Aunt Sophia I wish I could have made
myself useful to her, but Papa requires so much attention
that I really think it is quite necessary I should be here
as Mama & Adèle are neither of them strong enough to
walk up & down stairs much. It will give us



Adèle
Miss E. S. Galton
Dudston

such pleasure to see Aunt Sophia here & I am sure
nothing shall be wanting on my part, to make her as
comfortable as I can for I can never forget how very
kind she & Aunt Adèle have always been to us, indeed
they have been more like Sisters than Aunts. Tell Aunt
Sophie she has promised to come & see us soon & that
I am looking forward with such pleasure at the thought
of seeing her, & that I think she will be pleased with
the pretty views about this place. What a consolation
it must be to Aunt Sophia to consider how materially
she has conduced to my poor Grandfather's comfort
during his life time & how she has given up the
enjoyments of her ^{friends & society} that she might be always with
him. — I am so glad you have been at Dudston, for I
think you may be useful to Aunt Sophia — believe
me ever your very affectionate Sister E. S. Galton.



The Oaklands,
Gardley

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Feb^y 23^d

My dear Francis,

Continually yesterday
was I retracing in my mind
and relating to Hilary the
events that took place on
that day 42 years ago

Events as clear to my memory
as if passed a few days
ago - How well do I remember
Aunt Booth dining with us

on that day & she & my
Mother coming up in the
White Room to sit with me
that Evening - My Mother
being taken ill at 8 o'clock
Mr Hodgson being sent for
and his coming to awake
me in the middle of the
night to tell me that
a "fine Boy" was born -
How well can I remember
the seeing you next morning

such a red little thing - and how
we all loved you - and then
how we used to quarrel for
the honour of holding you
in our arms &c but to
return to Seculars -

I have not been able myself
to see Smallbones, but
my Maids tell me his
troubles about his poor
wife's illness & burial
are great in both a
pecuniary view & otherwise

are great - My Maid gave him
 from you the five shillings
 you sent him for which
 he asked her to return you
 his thanks - It is the
 20th of March his quarters
 pay is due I believe -
 My Maid was much pleased
 with his Daughters -

I have got the Firewood
 I find such a comfort from
 it - With our love to Louisa
 & wishing you dear Francis many
 & many a happy return of yours
 brother I remain your ever affectionate
 Sister Adeline Burrows