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Leam? 25 Nov? 1842

My dear Francis,



I have so much writing to do when Mamma is away, that I have been an idle correspondent to you, however today I will send you a letter, to tell you that news there is stirring. I hope yr cake arrived safely, & was good - I sent some message of approval to Hiner about it, ~~for~~ she took yr pains with it as she said she owed it you as a fee for curing her hand. My Father also wishes to know what he is to do about Drury's bill for yr shoes - whether to pay it or not, so write soon, please. - I am sorry to say my Father is very poorly, with one of his severe asthmatic colds on his chest. He has not been out for a week, & is sadly pulled down. My Mother is also quite confined to her room with severe headache, so that we are a sick house just now. I write Mending,

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is staying with us, & with lending
him the money every month, & getting
abundance of novels in the evening. He
lets thro' the day, in spite of our dulness.
He is going to pay Dr & Lucy visits
then he leaves us. Mrs Adderley, who
used to live at Rathorpe called the
other day. She said that Miss Taylor,
whom she had met at the Bury
Adderleys, had been much pleased
with a letter you had sent her about
your ball at Aberfeldy. I am very
glad you wrote. Emma is still at
Miss Taylors, & does not return for
10 days. Mr James Arthur Taylor
is going to be married soon to a
Miss Bushe. He must have a pretty
taste to like such a conceited Dandy
as he is. We quite enjoyed seeing Lucy
& her 2 children - They looked very well
& seemed thoroughly to have enjoyed
themselves at Geneva. Reginald Darwin
is going to be married to one of his
Buxton patients, a Miss Sanders of
Exeter, a very amiable, sensible person
& ~~large~~ good fortune, so they have been
lucky to get so many patients & a

Wife the 1st Season of his practice
for every one says he has done won-
ders in getting practice so soon.

Every body here is full of the cold
water system, & lie half the day in
wet sheets &c, & report says at a
dinner party the Mr Sutton gave a
few days ago, one of the guests offered
with wet towels round his neck!!!

The Mr Suttons have invited us to a
dinner next week. Leam? is very
empty for this season, & scarcely
any parties stirring. Balls not even
talked of yet. This glorious news fr.
India & China has enlivened the town.

The bells rang all day yesterday
merrily, & all are rejoicing, except the
Poor Collinsons, whose only remaining

brother is among the killed in China.
Their other two brothers died, or were
killed, within 3 weeks of each other
2 years ago, & now the last is killed
in China. Poor things, I grieve for
them, for they will feel it severely.

The Quards leave Leam? after Times
& mean to return to their old home
in Warwick. Do you know a nephew
of his, whose name I forget (it is not

heard, but 3 syllables) who is at ^{F 2v}
Jesus College? Darwin comes over
often to see us. He & Mary both look
better, & seem in better spirits. —
I heard from the Woods a few days ago.
They were arrived safe at Jersey, &
after a long & disagreeable voyage.
They had heard the Dean preach in
French & in English, & meant to
call upon him in a few days. —
They like Jersey very much, & that
little they had seen of it. — Erasmus
& Adele are flourishing & the former
administering justice right & left
& much enjoying his magisterial
duties. I am afraid I am come
to the end of my news so I must
say good bye. We all send our
love & believe me,

My dear Francis
Yr. Affectionate Sister
Eliza Annalyotton.

When do you come home about?





My dearest Francis,

We are all disappointed at not having heard from you for a long time. Do write soon & regularly. It is a duty dear Francis you owe to your Parents, & one of the few you are very remiss in. My Father is far from well, being extremely feeble, & his spirits low. He has had constant Asthma all winter, & it has left him suddenly as usual, but he now feels his debility. Every day he regrets not hearing from you, & wishes you w^d write, so do dearest Francis, write immediately a nice steady letter telling him

what you are studying & talk
 of wth pleasure with pleasure, it
 w^d do him more good than any
 thing, & make a point of writing
 at least once a fortnight. You see
 what a comfort Darwin is to us, as he
 can always depend upon his coming
 to see my Father when he is poorly,
 & if you w^d write regularly, you w^d be
 the same comfort, whereas your not
 doing so gives him often anxiety. —
 James & Lucy have had a severe
 shock. They have lately taken a Butler
 who lived with the de Blances, & last
 Thursday morn^g he was missing, &
 I was found soon after hanging in
 the garden quite dead. He had saved
 £100, & was going to marry Miss
 Stanley's maid, & unfortunately after
 he had left the de Blances, & before
 he went to the Moilleets, he was
 tempted to gamble, & lost every thing
 This, & a quarrel with the young

woman, so pressed upon his mind
that he destroyed himself. — Poor

Lucy was much shocked but is
better now. My Father was with
them the day after I went on to

Hadzor. He found Uncle How?

better but unable to walk without
two sticks. He & my Aunt come

here on Monday for one day, to take

Cameron to a school at Warwick.

Adele goes to day to Edstone with

the David Barclays, who are rela-

tions, but I think you know them.

Adele & they are indefatigable. Mr

Hedworth, we do not admire. —

Mum is still in London. Mr.

Surney was not expected to live

last week for hour to hour, but

has rallied again & may go on a

little longer. We have had sad

trouble lately with our servants.

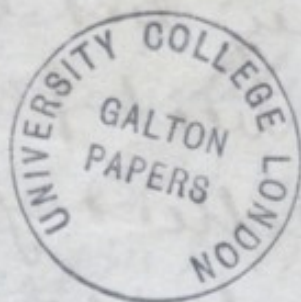
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I now Townsend is going & we
cannot make out why. Allen
is gone to day. — I am so interrupted
I must say good bye. We all join
in best love dearest Francis —
forgive & obey my lecture & let
us hear very soon from you
(write to my Father) & believe
me yr very Affectionate Sister,
Elizabeth Anne Galton.

Thursday 29 Feb. 7 —





My dearest Francis,

Thank you much for
y^r kind attention to my letter.
Your two letters, especially the one
to day, has done my Father much
good. He has had the one rec^d to day
read over & over again to him.
He is very poorly, & we are anxious
about him. His asthma left
him suddenly when he was at
Adyar, & some harp at the Canal
meeting, & other things which an-
noyed ^{him} brought on great depression,
& he returned home very low & ill,
& has continued so ever since, & we
have been very uneasy about him.
This morn^g at 3 o'clock his nose
began to bleed, & continued till 9
o'clock, when he had lost three

quarters of a pint of blood, &
was very feeble & faint. Sephton
& Prichard have both seen him,
& say it was most fortunate that
he had this nose bleeding as it has
probably saved an attack of apoplexy.
They say there is no immediate
danger, but he will require care,
& to be occasionally bled with
leeches. He has been very feeble
& drowsy all day, but his mind,
I am thankful to say, quite calm
& comfortable again, & to night
he is certainly much better, & I
do hope & trust now he will do
well. I will write a line tomorrow
to say how he is. In about a
week, or before if you can, write
to him again, just such a letter
as you sent to day. It will please
him hearing from you, & knowing

You are anxious about his health.
I am very glad you are doing so
well in the doctoring line, & like
it so much. Darwin is here every
day. Adele is just come from
Edstone, having been there with
the Berclays. Mr. B. gave Dr.
Marsh £50 for the Jews, & Adele
has almost converted him to
teetotalism. I am glad tempe-
rance agrees with you. I always
thought you required it, on account
of yr blood shot eyes. I hope you
will go to Threshbury at Easter,
as you ought to see Uncle Bob
before he dies. My Mother will
write tomorrow about it, as she
is too tired to night. The Howards
are coming on Wed. for one
night to place Cameron at
school at Warwick on their way

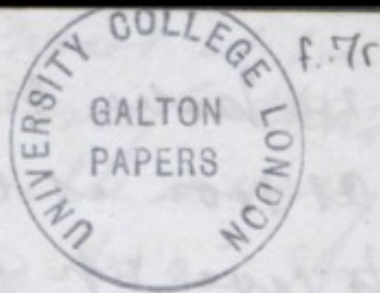
to Derby. If we cannot take them
in, they will go to the Sandown
Hotel close by. Emma talks
of returning home in a fortnight,
as a lady is going to stay with
Mr. Gurney, & can take our place
for a short time. We all send
our best love to you, & my Father
has said over & over again "Give
my affective love to my dear
Francis" Believe me ever,

Dearest Frank
Your very affective sister
M. Walton.

Monday Even. - 2nd H. Mich

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My dearest Francis,

"Delightfully better" was Dr. Jephson's bulletin last night, & he has repeated it this morning. So we are all quite in spirits about my dear Father, who is going on as satisfactorily as possible. He is kept in bed that he may not exert himself, & bring on another nose bleeding, which might be of serious consequence. It did begin to bleed in the night, but my Mother stopped it immediately by bathing his nose with vinegar & water, & he only lost a drop or two of blood. His mind is quite calm & cheerful, & he is less drowsy than he was, & stronger in every respect, & I hope

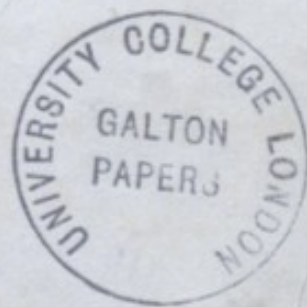
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we have now no cause ~~for anxiety~~.
As soon as ever he is well he is
to give up all responsibility in public
business, the local meetings & Visiting
Magistrates meetings, for fear of
harass, & consequent determination
of blood to the head, & he has promised
to do so. It would please him very
much if in a day or two, as soon as
you can find time, you w^d write to
him an affect^d letter, saying how sorry
you are to hear he has been so poorly,
& that you hope he will be a good
hospital patient, & do what the doctors
tell him, & not tease himself with
business &c &c. A letter from you is as
good as a dozen draughts. The doctors
are afraid of his getting too feeble,
so he tries generously considering.
We expect the Howards to day, but
they are not to come here, but to
the Londdowne. They leave Cameron

at Warwick. I have no news as we
have been constantly in my Father's
room except a short walk every
day, so I shall say good bye. If
you do not hear tomorrow you
will know my Father is going
on well but I will write if I
have time. Darwin comes every
day & stays as long as we like
which is a great comfort to us
all. Mary is better but looks
very ill they say. And now good
bye dearest Pet & with our
affectionate love Believe me,

Yr. Affectionate Sister
Effie Galton.

Wed. 7 morn. S



3 Kettle Terrace 1 Apr

My Dear Francis

Ernest gives me this piece of paper to write to you. I am so glad to hear that you are having a pleasant journey & good weather. It has been cruelly cold here, but last Monday it was (I heard) 20 degrees warmer than the day before, & we have now delicious spring weather. Edward & M. L. came to me for two days, & on Monday set off, partly by train, ^{partly by cycle} to Worcester & Malvern. Next day to Ledbury, Chepstow, & Monmouth. The only drawback was having the wind, & a good deal of it, in their faces, which made it harder for cycling. They hope to go about till Tuesday, & then return here & go home. They say nothing was talked of at Monmouth & the neighbourhood but that the Duke of Beaufort wants to sell those lovely castles. He has sold the Inn & some farms. He ought to be hanged. Here the whole talk is about Lord & Lady Warwick, whose property is to be turned into "the Warwick Estate Limited Company" & people are asked to take shares!!! What next? Everyone will be glad to hear that Dr. Thorne has got his castle bill paid at last, I suppose by the Company. The accounts from the Priory are much the same. One day

Mr. Lloyd a little better, next day not quite
so well. Emma had one very good week
free from pain, but the last two or
three days she has not been quite free.
Fanny Wilmer has been a week with
me, & it has been a great pleasure
rubbish up old Derby news. She left
me last Monday, & enjoyed seeing all
her relations here. Tell Eadgyne I have
had a nice letter from Harcourt. His
cane seems flourishing, & his orchard
in full blossom (more than ours is)
& his poultry doing well. Here the hedges
are only just beginning to sprout. The
Twins are coming to see me. Gussey
says they are quite sociable with her
so I hope they will be so with me. —
I am very glad my veil is useful to
Eadgyne. I hope she covers her face
with it, all but one eye as I told her.
I hope she is writing a journal & illustrating
it with pictures. I am come to the
end of my news. Darwin seems very
well - he was with Emma on Thursday.
My love to Eadgyne & yourself

Ever yr. Affectionate Sister,
J. A. Wheeler



14 April 1895

My dear Francis

I am just come home from the Studds, & have been reading your very interesting letters. Many many thanks for the view of Padalgan (Is it you or Evelyn to whom I owe it) which it is, I duly appreciate it, & think I shall mount it with a black border in memory of Lord Nelson. You are having a most interesting journey. I fear I have not much to tell you. I called at the Priory Lodge as I came home to enquire, & was told Mrs Lloyd had had a very bad night, & the doctor was with him. Dr. Hagner said some days ago the case was now hopeless, & it was only a question of days. He has two bad abscesses on the salivary glands, & another on his leg & the pain very severe. It seems very like Douglas's illness. I had constant April Showery weather at the Studds, so could not get out much - the winds have been violent, & vegetation extremely backward, so you are well out of it. I am sorry you cannot go to America - you would have enjoyed it. On Monday I go to Clarendon for 4 or 5 days. Darwin seems better we think. Tell Eva Jessie went with Lophy Bree to see the Swins. It appears they can't speak English, only Hindostanee. Margot sat on the rug listening to the conversation, & hearing Jessie say, Lophy Bree & the Archdeacon - - - Margot with a face

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full of fun mimicked her, saying
"soapy knee & arch chicken" to their great
amusement. They ^{the boys} go tomorrow to Stretton
Lucy is getting on with the bed spread ^{she} ~~Lucy~~
designed for her, & it looks very well & is
much admired, especially the Bat.

Edward & Mary much enjoyed their week
tour & had fine weather the whole time.
They are now gone back to Alnwick.

I have no more news to good bye &
With my love to Edgna & yourself

Believe me Yr. Affectionate Sister Edith



24 April 1899

My dear Francis

Your letters are highly appreciated by us all. I am so glad it has been so successful a journey. I was sure that Evelynne would be a charming companion. The weather is so cold, raw, & wintry, I am almost sorry you return so soon. Vegetation so backward & nothing to see in the garden, however it may change by when you come. I had a pleasant visit at Clarendon. Darwin is quite as well as usual, & drove me every day round his farm. Bob Selthbridge arrived there for two days, looking quite recovered. He showed us the photo of the young lady, & said he would make him work harder being engaged. Guy was to arrive from India last Saturday. Fred is very out of health but will be better now he has had something taken out between the throat & his nose, I forget the name. Emma ~~has~~, I am sorry to say, had a bad attack a week ago, but is getting over it, tho' still weak & pulled down. Mr Sam Lloyd died just a month after his wife, & was buried last Wed. 40 carriages followed at the funeral! There are all sorts of reports about his will, but nothing authentic. Lucy & her husband have been to some of the theatricals at Stratford, in honour of Shakespeare. The Performances very good

the Theatre crammed, & all seats taken
a fortnight before, Lucy found a nest
in the garden lined with bits of wool
she works with, & had thrown away! She is
coming here to lunch on Wed. 9 to attend the
wedding of her Cook. I hear Walter Kigg
is expected on the 18th May from India.
Mrs Kigg & children are gone to Ettington
where I hope the children will learn to
speak English. Edward is happily &
busily employed with a fresh importation
of Fies (now do you spell it) which he has
just received. He photographs them very
well. It will interest Evelyn to hear
that Wilmut Cane has just returned
home after a tour abroad with some
young ladies, but she will be grieved
to hear he intends in future to travel
alone, so she has no chance of being
invited by him. I forgot to say that
Sethbridge was obliged to go to Aldershot
last Saturday to keep St. George's Day
Day. It is a custom in the regiment.
He has his leave extended till the middle
of May & in the autumn goes to the
West Indies. My love to Evelyn
Ever yr. Affectionate Sister J. Wheeler



29 April /99

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My Dear Francis

Your letters are most interesting especially the Bull fight; worth seeing for once, but I am glad they have long been given up in this country. How much you will have to tell us. We have had two warm days, but the weather threatens to say it will become cold again. I wish I have been lucky to escape it. I wish I had half as much interesting news to send you. ^{as you have sent us} My little bridge is come home, & it was evidently the best thing he could do, to leave so expensive a specimen, to be at Hythe learning musketry to prepare him for Egypt, if he goes. ~~which I~~ from the Sir John Millicut is anxious about Fred, who does not get up his strength. Emma is not so well as she should be, but I hope will now have a change for the better. Harcourt Kigg's hat sent her some very good photos of his house, which Eugene will like to see. I saw Mrs. Mass of Budbrooke yesterday. She says the poor Lloyd's are broken down with grief. Ellen & Amelie are going to stay a short time in Devonshire with some old friends. Eva was too ill to go, & is staying with her brother at Stoke.

till she is well enough to join them.
We are expecting every day to hear of
the death of John Darwin, youngest
brother of Reginald & Edward Darwin.
He has always kept away from his
family, so will not be much missed.
A man has been put in Prison at
Warwick for not having his child
vaccinated & refusing to pay the fine.
He comes out to day, & a grand procession
is to meet him, & walk all thro' Leamth
(he in a prison dress)!! You & Evelynne
will be grieved to part with your
Courier. Have not you room in your
house for him? or will Evelynne
secure him for Ettrington? Nobody
appreciates your letters more than
Ben at Claverdon. She always begs
to see them & Darwin reads every
word. My love to Evelynne &
Believe me yr. Affectionate Sister,
Edw. M. M. M.



3 Hertie Terrace 28 Nov^r 1899 F.5r

My dear Francis

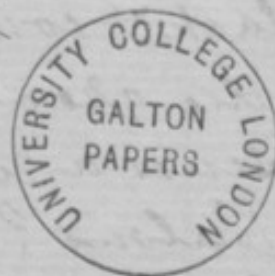
My thoughts have been much with you & Evelyn & pitying you such a long journey, I shall rejoice to think you will have a rest to night. What good news that the Kalifa is killed! I suspect you will be off to Kartoum, but wait till Osman is taken.

Milliecent left me on Saturday, very very anxious about K^{ob}, so many of his Officers were killed at Belmont, & now there has been another engagement & we don't yet know the casualties.

I have not much news to tell you, having been shut up with a cold. Grace is come home, having been to Windsor to a Friend's House, from whose windows she saw the arrival of the German Emperor & Empress. Lucy & her Hub^d are at Brighton, leading a dissipated life, both having numerous relations & friends there. Today they go to London for a day or two, to spend superfluous cash, & come to me on the 6th to attend the great art work show here. Lucy sends a riddle, Why is Krueger's wife jealous?

Erasmus seems to have quite recovered

from his earnings. Darwin came
to tea last Friday looking well, —
we have nice open weather, & in
the South I hear it is quite warm.
Millicent is come home. I wanted
her to stay longer, but she said she
would be better at home while so
anxious. A poor woman at Alnwick
lost both her sons last week at Helmont.
Eva Lloyd called on Friday. She said
her sister's wedding was quite sudden.
Capt Carleton was summoned to
South Africa, & wrote to beg the marriage
might take place before he left. This
went on a week, & they were married
on Monday following, & today week
he goes away. Tell Evelyn that
Lady Malcolm & Daughter are in
Leamington paying visits. Emma
is not well today. I have not seen
her for some days, fearing to give
her my cold. With my love to
Evelyn Believe me yr Affectionate
Sister Ed Wheler



because he has got his arms
round Lady Stanley.

3 Kenton Terrace 8 Decr 1899

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My dear Francis. It was a very great
pleasure receiving your letter this
morn; & to hear son & Evelyn were
alive after your long journey. Of course
all our thoughts are about the war.
Poor Millicent is very anxious, as she
may well be, with a fearful struggle
impending, in which her son is; before
they can get into Kimberley. Of course
news we go on much as usual. During
pretty well, & Erasmus on his leg
again. Tell Evelyn the grand Exhibition
of work opened here on Wed. & closed to-
day. It has been a perfect success. The
room crowded, & every one loud in its praise.
But alas! alas! Poor Lucy & I tied to our
houses with colds, & cannot go!! However
to console her, Lucy gets a prize & her
worked box greatly complimented, &
she gets a prize for it. She sent your
box spread, a blotting book, & the box.
I have seen only Grace, who had been,
but shall hear more by stage. Amy
Wiss came to say good bye, & left two
days ago for India. We have had mild
mussy foggy weather, & I hear there
is much illness about. We want a
little frost to cure us. The Wride Mrs

Fellowes comes home early next
 week, but as she has got no servants
 it will not be a comfortable coming
 home. I see in the paper today that
 there is such a dearth of servants, they
 are importing Norwegian & Swedish
 girls, who answer well. Millicent
 Littlebridge says Grey is still imploring
 the War Office to employ him. I wish
 they would - so many Officers killed, there
 must be room. From the accounts
 today, it seems Lord Methuen will
 have to fight with a large
 army of Boers who are between him
 & Kimberley. And another battle
 must be fought to get into Ladysmith
 on the other side. From all accounts
 the Boers are getting tired of the War.
 This country is very loyal. The national
 Anthem & Rule Britannia are sung
 at every meeting. At a concert given by
 a German Band, it was given out that
 he had had a victory at the Modder river,
 when the Band struck up Rule Britannia.
 The Steedys went to a Scotch Concert in
 London & in the song, Oh where oh where
 is your Highland Laddie gone the next verse
 was changed to "He's gone to fight the foe for
 Victoria on her throne". My love to you
 both & to Mr. Affie, Sister & Aunt & Dhalis

3. Kertie Purran 13 Dec 199 876

My dear Francis, Your letter from Cairo was most welcome & interesting. I wish I could send you as good a one in return. It is fortunate you are gone, for the last three days we have had frost, & yesterday & today snow for the first time, it is bitterly cold, & coughs & colds the fashion. Darwin & Ben were here yesterday, but he looked half frozen & would have been better at home. He is troubled with his winter cough, but goes out in all weathers. The one prevailing topic is the war, & every day we are expecting a great battle. Our troops seem to be behaving wonderfully well. I suppose you get all the news. General Gatacre was misled & had a terrible reverse, 600 taken prisoner, but except that we beat the Boers in every engagement. Gen. Radcliffe has both sons in the fight, & one is taken prisoner. Every effort is made to send our clothing & comforts to our soldiers, & collections of money every where - The Queen sends each soldier a packet of Chocolate, with her picture & arms on each packet. I tell you all this in case you do not get the news soon. I remain

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is pretty well again, Tell Evelynne
with my love, that Lucy's box is very
greatly admired, Every one wants to
see it, having heard so much of it
at the Exhibition. The said Exhibition
went off without a hitch, & was so
much liked, they want another! They
think there will be £100 surplus after
paying expenses. They took £7 at the
tea table at 6³/₄ a cup! Archdeacon &
Sophy were called a few days ago, & I
thought Sophy looking well. Lucy
& her Husband hope to come to me on
Saturday, but both are shut up with
colds, & I fear the weather will stop
them. Edward & Mary come to me
on the 26th spending 2 nice days at
Wroxall, Constance Fellows & her
Husband are come to their new home
near here, but I have not yet seen
them. Emma & I write notes to
each other neither getting out
this weather. It is snowing fast
& I think we shall have a deep
snow. With much love to you
& Evelynne Believe me

Yr Affectionate Sister

E. A. Wheeler



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My dear Francis

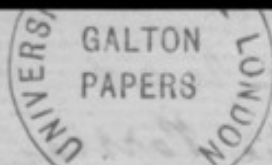
Your letters are most welcome, & we are so glad you are enjoying yourself, & that you are well. You are lucky not to be here. The weather last week was worse. Rain, sleet, snow, sleet & very cold. Influenza all the fashions - we however are all as well as usual. I have just parted with Edward & Mary, who have spent a few days with me - both well & asked much after you, & send their love - Lucy was with me for 2 or 3 days, but had lost her voice with cold, & ague, was slowly recovering from influenza. Nothing is talked of but the war. Ed had a very nice letter yesterday from a German Baron, who, with his son, stayed two days with Ed a year or two ago, saying how much the Germans sympathized with the English. It was only the disreputable press that spoke against us, & he wished the English would understand this. M. J.'s brother is going out with a number of Geomere Volunteers & she has set us to work to make sheep helmets for the men - many young

Men of fortune are going out as
 Troopers in Lord Greys Northumbrian
 volunteers. Dr. Meekes well of our country
 all willing to help. Emma had a nice
 letter from Harcourt Keightley, giving a
 more cheerful account of his farm
 prospects. Plenty of rain which is
 much wanted for the fruit trees.

Tell Ladyne Mrs. Chambers died a
 few days ago. I think Evelyn knew
 her. - Grace Moullet was engaged to
 spend some week at Muckburgh,
 to meet a large family party, when
 the day before she was to have gone
 a letter came to say that Lady Muckburgh
 her son, & two or three servants were
 down with Influenza, & two nurses
 sent for, so Grace came to eat some
 Pursey with Lucy & me. Darwin
 comes every week to see us & is really
 very comfortable & well. He does not
 mind weather & goes back at 6 o'clock
 in the dark. Give my love to Evelyn
 I hope she works hard sketching &
 with every good wish for the coming
 Century Year W. Affectionate Sister

F. Wheeler





J Kestie Terrace

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this right for
Thurs?

My dear Francis

We are glad to receive your card & hear you are enjoying your journey, but sorry you have had a return of cough. Influence is very bad every where in this country, & we are thankful to escape with bad coughs. The weather cold, raw, & foggy, & raining, every thing disagreeable, so you are lucky to be away. Edward has sent me the Agricultural report with his paper upon Pinks in it - the portraits of the Pinks, especially the headless one, are very good. I hope his article will be appreciated. Of course the only two subjects talked or thought of are the war & influence. Every body is volunteering - all the nobility volunteer to go out with their Yeomanry, & many young men of large fortune join them as Boopers. We shall not have a fighting man left to protect us, & I fear I am glad that my son & son in law are too old to go! All the ladies are making knit helmets for the soldiers to sleep in, & comforts of all sorts & kinds. My Maids & I made 10 in one week for me & 2 Brothers Yeomanry, who are going. I don't know whether you ever saw Chev Darwin, Reginald's son. He was an Admiral, & enormously large. He died after two days illness of congested lungs, & is a great loss to his Cousins to

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Whom he was very kind. He has
left the Darwin portraits & the Portland
~~half~~ vase (of priceless value) to George
Darwin, which I am very glad of &
was afraid they might go among the
females of the family, who might not care
for them, & they ought to go to Charles Darwin's
family. He has left most of his money
to Darwin Wilmet's 2^d son, to whom it will
be very useful. He is about 18 or 14. On
the 17th we are to step our balconies with
gas, & look gas, to welcome Prince
Christian, who comes, & passes ^{our} ~~his~~ house
down the Town, to open a new wing to the
Hospital. I hope the weather will be
more propitious. Tell Evelyn, Lucy
wrote me an amusing letter. She was
invited to go to the Theatre to see Marie
Corelli's grand Christmas tree, & to see her give
the prizes to the School children. The
Theatre was crowded with spectators.
Miss Corelli appeared in a marvellous hat,
dressed in front, & feather behind. The dress
back a curtain & the Tree appeared, & in a
moment was lighted with electric light.
The whole affair was very theatrical, but
I have not room for more. Lucy has been
giving lessons to a doctor's wife who does much
work for the Royal family & wanted some new flounces
My love to her both ever Affly. B. D. W. L.

3 Kertie Terrace, 100 f. 10r
13 Jan. 1917

My dear Francis

Ernie has sent me this
sheet of paper to write to you, but
as there is no topic of conversation but
Influenza & the War, I fear my letter
will be stupid. We were so glad to get your
letter last night of the 4 Jan. 17, saying
you were getting rid of your cough, &
enjoying yourself. I should like to see
the Chamuleons, I hope Evelyn will
bring them home with her. They must
be almost as engaging as Edward Ticks,
in whom I took much interest when
I was in Alnwick. I am glad you hear
all about the War, tho' so out of the way.
Every County is sending its Yeomanry
& militia to South Africa, & the Yeomen
are to be taught musketry for a few
weeks before sailing, a rather important
lesson! Ladies are hard at work making
flannel shirts, helmets, socks, & sending
cigars, tobacco, pipes, & all sorts of things
for the soldiers. Guppy has asked me for
my "Times" to send every Monday to the
Warford Hospital. The new patients are
so eager for the war news. No end of
young men of large fortune have enlisted
as Troopers in the Yeomanry to go out.
Even Lethbridge, having no chance of getting

into a regiment, has joined the Second
volunteers, but just as he was going fell
ill with a return of Indian fever. —
Bob is well, & has had two bullets thro' his
clothes but not hurt. We are all jogg-
ing on much as usual - the weather cold, raw,
wet or foggy which keeps us at home over
the fire. Darwin & Ben came to tea
yesterday, & asked if we had heard from
you. Darwin is really very well for
him, I am hoping to have the Studdys
with me next week. Col Studdy cannot
get up his strength after the Influenza,
& I hope will come & try change of air.
Edward & his wife are very well. Her
brother is going with his geometry to
the war, & I think Edw. has a hankering
to go, but he must stay to take care of
his country at home, Tell Evelyn
I believe all her people are alive, but
I have not heard any thing of them
lately. I suppose Doc & the will set
up spades & help to excavate with your
friends. Erasmus is well & still here
They say Dr. Phurfield is anxious to
go to the Cape, but whether to fight
or to cure I don't know My love to you
both Ever M. Affectionate Sister Eth. Miller

3 Hertie Terrace 22 Jan 97
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My dear Francis your letter, which arrived last night, interested us all extremely. All, includes Lucy & Colonel Studdy who are now with me. Your rough life in the mudhouse must be very amusing, & I am so glad you & Evelyn have had so pleasant a time. The weather here does not make us enjoy your sleeping, without doubt. It does not yet improve, & bad colds are the consequence. I am sorry to say Darwin has caught one from his Butler, & has been kept in bed some days. Luckily it is not influenza, but all the household have coughs. I heard from Edward a few days ago. He is much flattered at hearing that the Veterinarian (I can't spell it) periodical asks leave to reprint his tick paper. He has had many letters of approval. He & M 2 are going this week to Derby to bid farewell to her brother Capt. Du Dale, who is off to the Cape with his Volunteers. Yesterday the Norwich Militia went, & the Pomany will follow soon. We seem getting on

in the Transval, but very slowly —

There is a grand guinea ticket concert
to day at the Pump room for the
Leominster Hospital, & every ticket
taken, organised by Mr. Warwick —
Princeps Christian's visit to open the
Hospital went off well, & the Town was
very gay with flags & flowers. Lady
Castro sat in a chair at her window
to see the procession, which was later
than was expected: The full orphans
I saw nothing of it!! Fanny Wilnot
is staying with me & the Studys
which is very pleasant. Emma must
be very well & his leg in good order,
Lucy saw Hedeth Biggs lately, & he
was very well. Violet Galton was at
Ettington. The & Violet Biggs lunched
at Clifford Chambers one day last week
Grace Noillett very well & is I think
meditating a journey somewhere but
has not told us yet. I have written you
a dull letter but except the war
one hears nothing talked of. The Duke
of Teck died suddenly a few days ago of
a stroke my love to Evelyn & ever
In Affection Sister J. D. Wheeler

3 Westie Terrace 5 Feb 1900

My dear Francis

Your letter come this morn'g
is very welcome, I admire Roger
Seal & Laelyne's pet extremely, but
tell her with my love she need not
bring me one. What an interesting
journey you are having! While we sit
shivering over the fire, the weather
still cold raw & damp. We still think
of nothing but the war. Last week we
were in high spirits, I on Pop having been
taken, & next day much depressed, because
our troops had been obliged to evacuate
& retire with terrible loss. To day news
seems much more hopeful. Guy Dethbald
goes to South Africa as Sergeant in the
Devon troop. Frank Dethbald is gone
with Lord Compton's horse. When he
applied to be taken, Lord Compton put
him on a buck pimper horse, I was
so pleased with his management he
took him at once. Edward & Mary
went to Derby, & then to Liverpool to
see Captain Dugdale & his Yeomanry tail.
It was a pretty sight. all the Regiments
are well cheered by immense crowds
as they go. The whole country seem
going, & I am very thankful Edward is

too old. All clapers are equally interested
in the war. Men & women in the hospital
keep for newspapers. It is very remarkable
I unlike any thing in our time before.
Fanny Wilnot has been staying with
me. I told you all Darwin pictures were
left to George Darwin. He has very kindly
returned a very good portrait of his
Francis Darwin to his grandson Darwin
Wilnot, who much wished for it. I
wonder what became of our father's
large book in which he made notes
everywhere. Had not got it. I hope Nephew
gave it to George Darwin. It was a very
interesting book. We were very anxious
a week ago about Darwin who was seriously
ill with bronchitis & a local complaint.
Dr. Purfield went at night to see him
I tho' he thought him very ill hoped he
would pull thro', which he has, & every
report says he is better. He sits up now
in his study & hopes soon to get into
the drawing room. Erasmus is very
well. The Studys come to me today.
He has had Influenza but has recovered.
I wish I had more news for you but
I hear none. Give my love to Evelyn
& accept the same yourself
from M Affectionate Sister

Wheeler

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BARCLAY.—On the 25th inst., at York House, Leyburn,
CATHERINE HENRIETTA, widow of the late GURNEY BARCLAY,
of 69, Pall-mall, aged 80. Funeral at Kensal-green Cemetery, on
Thursday, February 1st, at 12.40 p.m.

RENNETT.—On the 25th Jan. 1900. Take the dead to bed and rest.

young lady.

CAMPBELL.—On the 24th Jan., 1900, HON. DUDLEY CAMPBELL,
youngest son of the late Lord Chancellor Campbell, aged 66.

COOK.—On the 21st Jan., SARAH ANN, the beloved wife

of the late James S. Cemetery, Dover, at noon, Monday.

HUGHES.—On Monday, the 22nd Jan., 1900, at 40, Langham-
street, Portland-place, W., PROFESSOR DAVID EDWARD HUGHES,
F.R.S., aged 69 years. The Funeral will take place at the Highgate
Cemetery to-day (Saturday), the 27th January instant, at noon. A
special Service will be held to-day at All Souls' Church, Langham-
place, W., at 10.45 a.m. No flowers, by request.

HUGHES.

Darwin's local Complement
is, the inaction of the Bladder

3 Kertie Terrace 16 Feb'y/00

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Many happy returns of to day, my
Dear Francis, I thank you for your
good wishes for my 92nd birthday next
Monday. We have had a succession of
heavy snow storms all over the country,
but to day all is gone, & a fine day.
Edward had to dig a road down his drive
to get to the station - the drift was so great.
I fear our soldiers will have a stormy
passage. Guy Deltbridge has got a commission
in Capt's Horse, & goes out as an Officer.
Hugh is training at Oxford for home
defence, & Fred will do the same, & so
all are serving their Queen & Country.
It is no easy task this war, but I think
matters are more hopeful the last
few days. Darwin is doing well, & comes
into the Drawing Room in his dressing
gown, & is not inclined to dress regularly.
He is, of course, weak after such an
illness at his age. Emma told me
I believe that Edward had received very
complimentary letters from Miss
Omerod, the British Museum ^{Professor} & ~~the~~ ^{Prof}
of the Agricultural Society on his paper
of Ticks. Your letters are very interesting

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I am glad you have been to the Pyramids
& have met friends at Cairo. How much
you will have to tell us on your return.
I grieve to hear of the Charnelion's death
I quite hoped to have seen it. Gussy has
tied a bow of red white & blue ribbon on his
daff collar, & a nurse round his neck &
the maids takes him a walk, & in two
walks he got 17/ for the war. My maid
suggested in the newspaper that servants
should subscribe 1/ each, & I have been
subscribed in little more than a week.
The whole country is ready to fight the
Boers. I am glad you get the war news.
Gussy has just sent me a letter from
Sophy, she & all her servants ill at
once with influenza, & just as they
were getting well again, the Ark season
was seized suddenly with it in Church,
but Sophy hopes he will soon get
over it. Grace, she says, is going to
Eltington next week & Constance Pearson
is to meet her there as Chaperone!
Emma will tell you about herself.
The variety of course & this weather
prevents my seeing her every day.
much love to you both Ever Affly
Sister A. Wheeler

3 Kenton Terrace 26 Feb 1900 f. 16r

My dear Francis

Emma has just sent me
your letter, come that morning, I am
very glad you have lost your cough &
hope your throat will now get stronger,
we have watched weather-rain at least
half of every day floods out, & when we
complain, are told that five inches more
are wanted! In the north they see snow
up a week ago. A friend of Edwards tried
to drive out, but was stuck in a snow drift
while trying to turn his horse round, he
saw a hand waving at a distance. It was the
postman buried up to his waist in snow &
nearly exhausted. Lucy came to spend my
birthday with me, & had to drive thro' rather
deep water to get home. Millicent Attridge
writes word that Frank sailed a fortnight
ago in the Kent for South Africa. Lucy is
waiting for a ship to take him in Pater's
Horse. He is 1st Lieut to one Division &
acting Captain to another Division, & is very
busy & happy. Dittory the men & doing all
the office work. Poor Bob & other Officers
got a rash from bathing in the hot sun
& the Dr. gave Bob nitrate of silver to put
on the rash & after suffering intense pain
his legs for some hours his legs skinned,
& he is in bed unable to move & The Doctor
has got into trouble about it which he
deserves

I am glad you get the war news. It is very cheering now. I wish the Boers would give in, & spare so many lives. — Grace Moullet has been spending a few days at Ethington. Constance & Mr. Pearson came to meet her there. The thought Constance looking very well. Mr. Pearson very agreeable & quite punctual. Miss Weir is staying at Claverdon, & finds Darwin much stronger, & she thinks he will soon be well enough to drive to Leamington as usual. Your account of their adoption of your Finger Print System at Cairo is very interesting, & must be very useful in a place where there are so many unsatisfactory people. I envy you seeing the Ostrich farms. I should like to have one. We are all going on much as usual. Emma will tell you about herself. The wet weather keeps every one in, but since the snow went it is milder. Vegetation very backward. I cannot think of any more news to interest you or Evelyn. I hope she is setting up some new pet Chameleons. My love to you both ever.

Yr. Affectionate Sister,

A. M. M. M.



3 Hertie Terrace 15 March

My dear Francis, Your letter just come ¹⁰⁰
& very interesting. Do take care that Lou
& Evelyn are not kidnapped by Bedouins,
I am going to Ennise after lunch to see
the Bosc of Jericho. We were much amused
with your last letter speaking of Ennise
& my twin letter & twin news. The sends me
a sheet of paper like hers. As we both write
at the same time, neither knows what the
other has written, however as my mother had
to say no two of us told the same thing in the
same way I hope there was some difference.
We have now dry cold March winds, very good
for the Farmer, but not for delicate throats.
I am glad however to say I am very well & have
quite lost my cough. Darwin & Ben came to
tea last Friday for the first time since his
illness, & looked very well considering, & was in
good spirits. He is now able to drive out every day.
I am glad your lecture was a success, & that
Channing's sight is restored. Of course we
think of nothing but the war, all accounts
daily are of our success, & we are only waiting
to hear of the relief of Mafeking to hoist
our flags again. Children in the street wear
paper helmets & play at being soldiers. You would
hear of Cronje's impudent message to our
Government & Lord Salisbury's answer that
we are not prepared to let the Boers govern
the country. In a letter from Lucy today she
says a lady of rank told her "that is it is said"

that Lord ~~Albion~~ Salisbury has received a
letter or telegram from Conjer's real wife
asking where her husband is, so it is not
his wife who is with him. Lady E. Seymour
also said it was entirely the Queen's own
thought about going to Ireland, not even
the Prince of Wales knew till it was settled.
The ovation the Queen rec^d in London was
wonderful, greater even than at the Jubilee.
I have good accounts of Edward & his wife
Edward is going to experiment upon sheep
with his ticks, as this is the time of the
year when the mischief is done. Grey
Lethbridge starts with Pagers Corps tomorrow
I hope he will get a little fighting before it is
over. Frank arrived some days ago, but I
have heard nothing of him or of Bob for
some time. I Millecut does not know
where they are. You will hear the income
tax is raised to 1/ in the pound. I went to
buy some tea yesterday & the man smilingly
told me it was 2^d a lb more. I never knew
vegetation more backward, not a sign of green
on the hedges or a bud on the apricot, however
I hope the crops will be safe from frost when
they do appear. I am very glad your cough
is gone, & hope your throat will get strong
before you return. Give my love to
Evelyn & believe me I am
Affectly

Sister A. Wheeler



9 Kent Terrace
13 April 1900

f. 18r

My dear Francis,

Your card just come. I suppose you are now in Greece. Don't come home yet. Weather still cold, with cold N W winds, & not a leaf to be seen on trees or hedges. I never remember so late a Spring, & am glad you are ~~not~~ here to feel it. I have been staying a week with the Studdys, & nearly a week at Claberton. Several snow storms while at Clifford. Darwin is wonderfully recovered from his illness, but is more feeble & more deaf. I drove out with him once every day, & he is now able to drive to Leamington again. I met at Clifford, Chamberlain a Mrs. Marshall: her husband, General Marshall, has commanded all the artillery in S Africa. She received a telegram begging her to send a fur bag for him to sleep ⁱⁿ ~~room~~. He & all the Officers, like the men, sleep on the bare ground, no tents, & often are soaked thro' with the rain! One General got a comfortable berth under a waggon, by way of shelter. Bob Althebride wrote how delightful it was to sleep in a bed at dad's smith & eat off china! The last joke is that when Lord Roberts wished a lady good

bye at Ladysmith he left his card f.18v
P.P.C. supposed to be "pomprenedre"
George. We think & talk of nothing but
the war & poor Mafeking. Edward &
Mary hope to take a week bicycling,
if Edward can get away, & the weather
fine, & think of going about the New
Forest & Isle of Wight. Edward says he
is still busy with the Pinks, & has a
really interesting clique of Colonial
correspondents. They are very complimen-
tary about the paper he wrote. —
I have little news to interest Evelyn.
Miss Chambers wants to let the house,
now her father is dead. I think Evelyn
knew her. She will take a smaller
house. William Rice of the Throcklards
is, I hear, in Athens. Correy wife
staying with Mrs. Richards. I met
Sir Arthur & Lady Hodgkiss at Clevedon.
L & A said they had been married
fifty eight years! My love to you
both Ever yr. Affectionate Sister
E. Wheeler



3 Hertie's Terrace 18 April 1900 p. 19r

My dear Francis, your letters are most
interesting. It is so pleasant seeing all
these places with other people's eyes, while
sitting comfortably at home over the
fire! The weather is more spring like,
being a mixture of March & April.
April showers & March winds, quite
a 2^d edition of Equinoctial gales. I am
expecting Edward tomorrow, Mary on
Monday, for a few days, & then they
start on their bicycles a tour round
the New Forest & that neighbourhood.
They had to put off their expeditions
so did not see Gen. White's arrival.
Thousands were there to greet him,
& he had a grand reception. He made
a very nice speech, & they wanted him
to speak longer, but his health would
not let him, & he will be glad to be
left quiet. We are expecting every
day to hear of some great attack
made by Lord Roberts. Fresh troops
& horses arrive daily, & he is so quiet,
one feels sure he is going to do some-
thing decisive. It is sad the mortality
among the horses, & they are so much
wanted. I suppose you get English papers

in Greece, so as to know what is going
 on. Walter Briggs sent Gussy a photo
 of himself, with two half starved
 natives standing by him, two black
 objects - their legs no thicker than one's
 wrist, Walter's two little girls are ill
 with small pox. I suppose they had
 not been vaccinated. Sophy Wree writes
 that the Archdeacon is very poorly,
 with a return of Influenza, & his
 cough incessant, which pulls him
 down sadly, & she seems to be still
 feeling the effects of the attack she
 had. Darwin drank tea here last
 Saturday with Ben, & was looking
 better - this weather will enable
 him to go about his farm more
 which is his great amusement,
 I am trying to think of some news
 to interest you but can find none
 I see Lady Warrwick's Brother, Lord
 Roslyn, is taken Prisoner. My
 love to you both ever

W. Affectionate Sister Eff. Wheeler



3 Hertie Perce 25 Apl ^{f. 20c}

My dear Francis, we were very pleased to get your letter & hear you were safely arrived in Greece. The last week we have had loading hot weather, & every thing bursting into bloom, but to day is much colder. Edward & his wife came to me on Friday, & left me yesterday, & were to set off from Guildford to day, a week's bicycle tour about the New Forest, & I hope they will have fine weather for it - Edward wants a change & rest from work. What has been heavy lately. The Queen's stay in Ireland has been a success the whole time, & I hope may do permanent good. The Prince of Wales had quite an ovation on his return to England, after the attempt upon his life. Crowds met him the whole way to cheer & congratulate. I suppose you now get the war news pretty soon. Things go on slowly but steadily, but poor Mafeking is not yet relieved, but when the heavy rains are over I hope our troops will be able to reach them. Emma had a nice letter from Harcourt, who said how pleased he had been to hear from Lucy all you had done. His farm promises well this year - fruit trees full blossom & plenty

of young chickens. I think I told you
that Walter Briggs little girls are ill with
small pox. archdeacon Wree better, but
his cough still bad. Darwin came yesterday
to tea with Emma. He was looking
much better, & now drives out twice a
day as usual. Miss Cumberland is at
Clarendon. This week Stratford is crowded
with people to do honour to Shakespeare
& his plays are acted every day this week.
When Edward & Mary were here, they went
on their bicycles to see a farm house
near Warbury in a village which belongs
formerly to the Great Grandfather of
Washington, & has his arms upon the
house. It turned out to be a very dilapidated
place indeed. A farmer near told Edward
that numbers of Americans came to see
it. — I wish I had more news to tell you
but I have not so with my love to
welcome to yourself believe me

Yr. Affectionate Sister

E. D. Wheeler



S. Kenton Terrace f. 21r
3rd May/00

My dear Francis

We were very pleased to receive your letter yesterday. How much you will have to tell us on your return, & I have so little to tell you! The weather is more spring like, & a few very hot days last week, brought every thing into leaf. It is now cooler & like May. Edward & Mary set off to Guildford ten days ago, & from there with the two Miss Dugdales, set off on bicycles thro the New Forest, Winchester, Salisbury, Stonehenge to Wareham, where they were to arrive yesterday. They had fine weather & much enjoyed all they saw. Stratford has been all Shakesperian the last week. Poor Othello (Besin, or some such name) had so bad a cold he could hardly get thro his part, & next day had to give in. Miss Marie Correll & friend sailed into the Theatre in the middle of the play, & after staying half an hour sailed out again (This is for Lady Mac as she knows her) Emma is working at the 7th Edition of her book, which is wanted. Darwin now comes as usual once a week or so, & is quite as well as he was. We are expecting every day to hear

of a grand advance by Lord Roberts. He
 seems to be driving the Boers north
 wards to their own country, & hopes soon
 to relieve poor Mafeking. We have been
 reading two books on South Africa, during
 the last few years, which show what
 a crafty cruel illiterate set they are. I
 wish they could catch Kruger! What
 awful accidents in North America!
 An immense fire in Ottawa, thousands
 losing their homes, & to day more than
 200 people killed by an explosion
 in a mine!! Grace Moilliet has been
 papering & painting her house, & looks
 very smart & nice. She has had her
 house full for Shakespeare. Give
 my love to Evelyn. We shall rejoice
 to see you ^{both} on your return & hope
 you will leave your cough behind
 Ever yr Affectionate Sister A. Wheeler





f. 22r

20 May/00

3. Bertie Terrace,
Leamington.

My dear Francis,

I hear you arrive at home tomorrow, you will find the whole country in a frenzy of delight at the relief of Napierkin, after being bombarded & shut up for several months, & reduced to semi starvation. We are all most thankful for its deliverance.

I hope you will come soon, & stay with me to see Emma. It will be such a pleasure to see you, & hear all you have done. I shall be delighted to see Evelyn too if she can be spared from her family. Emma has not had a good winter, & is now

quite unequal to have any
one stay in the house with
her, she is so soon tired, but
she enjoys seeing her friends
^{in the day} as long as she is able. I hope
when the warm weather comes
she will get stronger & able to
get out in her garden, but
she is not so strong as she was.
The rest of us are pretty well
& at home. With my love
to you both ever

Yr. Affectionate Sister

J. A. Wheeler

20 May/00



My dear Mr. [Name],
 I have just received your letter of the 17th inst. and am
 very glad to hear that you are well and happy. I hope you are
 enjoying the country in a measure of delight and the relief of
 the relief of the [Name] after being so long in the [Name].
 I am sure you will find it very pleasant and I hope you will
 be able to [Name] the [Name] and [Name] the [Name].
 I am sure you will find it very pleasant and I hope you will
 be able to [Name] the [Name] and [Name] the [Name].

I hope you will come down to [Name] and [Name] the [Name].
 It will be such a pleasure to see you and have all your news done.
 I shall be delighted to see you and [Name] the [Name].
 If you can be spared I hope you will [Name] the [Name].
 I am sure you will find it very pleasant and I hope you will
 be able to [Name] the [Name] and [Name] the [Name].



f. 24c
30 May 100

3, Bertie Terrace,
Leamington.

My dear Francis

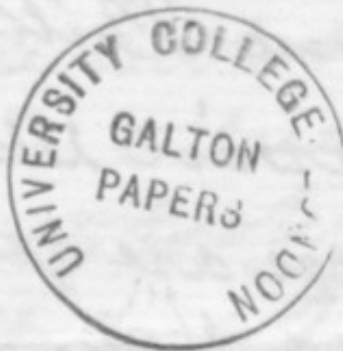
I am writing for Anne
who I am sorry to say is very
hoarse with a bad cough which
shakes her sadly. She enjoyed
seeing you, & was not the least
tired. On Friday the cough began,
& was so frequent she could not
speak, & tho' not so bad she still
has fits of coughing, & much
expectoration. I have not seen
her for three days, as with my
deafness I could not hear her. I
can't think how she caught this
cold. With her complaint it is
very trying.
We were sorry to hear of Evelyn's
chilled feet. I hope it is better.

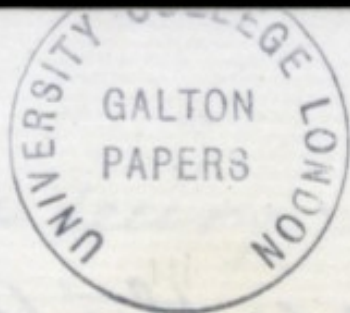
We very much enjoyed seeing
you, & thought you looking so
well. Take care of your throat
these cold winds. We were all
out on the Terrace with smoke
glass in our hands to watch
the Eclipse; & Jessy took some
photographs of it, but I don't
know how they come out,
Edward was in London last
week for two days, & very long
he did not know you had
returned home. He went
one night to see the Tournament
& was much amused.

Darwin came last Friday

& asked about you. He seems
pretty well. Pen goes this
week for her yearly visit
to London. Miss Emmerton
& Emma Phillips taking care
of Darwin while he is away.
How we are getting on with
the war!! The Boers must
give in soon. Lord Roberts
should be made a Duke &
all the other Generals Barons
& Earls! Erasmus is gone
to Lupton & I believe comes
to Leam? in about three
weeks. Give Emma's & my

Come to Evelyn & yourself
Believe me
Yr. Affectionate Sister
A. Wheeler





Monday 3 June

3, Bertie Terrace,

Leamington.

My dear Francis

Thank you for telling
me about the paragraph of
the Jerney Bank. There is so
much to read about the War
I skip most of the rest of the
paper.

I send ~~you~~ the note Emma
has sent me. ^{this morning} The net now has
this rough ten days. I have
not seen her, because she wishes
to be quiet, & I know from
experience that "solitary confine-
ment" is the best thing. I am
afraid it will pull her down
very much. I want her to have
Dr. Thurefield - he would give her



Something to ease the lough
but she prefers doctoring
herself. She has done with
her book which I am the
of, for she could not attend
to it now.

Darwin & Pen were here on
Friday. Pen goes next Friday
to London & Miss Sumner &
Emma Phillips go to Clevedon
to take care of Darwin.

I wish these cold winds would
go - they are very trying to
tender throats.

Lenny would enjoy meeting her
cousins at your house, she
& Col. Studdy are working hard

light seeing. I hope Evelyn's
face is easy now. My love
to her & to Willcent.

Ever Yr. Affectionate Sister,

Edw. Wheler

as Emma cannot see me
I sent to ask Temple about
her. Temple sent word
that Emma is very weak
from the cough - the
bronchial attack is better
today. He wishes Emma
would see Pharofield. He
called yesterday hearing she
was not well but Emma
would not see him. She is

taking some medicine
to relieve expectoration
but it affects her in other
ways & does her harm.
I will write again in a
few days



Thausfield House
Alnwick.

My dear Francis

I see Mr. Frank
Butler is to be married
in August. I should like to
give him some little
remembrance, but can
get nothing here. I wonder
whether you or Millicent
would kindly help me -
you would know what would
suit him better than I
could. Any thing up to
£2. Forgive my troubling
you both.

I am as usual hoping a

very pleasant visit here,
in spite of storms & rain
half of every day, Edward &
Mary take one lovely drive
while fine, & the country
is lovely - grass ready to
cut but the weather too wet
to make hay. I shall probably
stay here till the end of the
month, & I suppose Emma
will return about the same
time. She was very pleased
to see you. Edward has no
end of complimentary letters

about his titles from India,
America, Australia, & the
Cape. The headless lady is
in good health, & walks about,
I had a look at her in the
microscope. Give my love
to dear Millicent. I long
to know she has heard
from Lucy. I look for his
name in the "recoveries" in
every paper. China is now
our great anxiety, & I have
a nephew there we are very
anxious about.

Emma writes in good
spirits & seems able to

Sit in her Balcony, &
enjoy the change

Believe me

My dear Francis

Your Affectionate Sister

E. H. Shuler

W. Wheeler

3 West 100th

1903 5 May

Many thanks dear Francis
for your books. I have read it
3 times over, & am much
gratified & interested - so glad
you are appreciated as you
ought to be in Germany.
I think there ought to be a short
preface, to explain to the
ignorant (like myself alas!)
who H. Driesmann ~~was~~ is, &
whether he gave it as a lecture
or how? It says on the title page
"from die Gegenwart" What
does that mean? Edward will
be very pleased to have a copy,
I like your portrait too, it is

very like but not flattering.
Give my love to Eva, & tell her
the ring does no harm, & as
I have no rheumatism it
must I suppose do me good.
We have lovely weather & the
Country looks lovely - the pink
Hawthorn especially. Lucy
& her Husband go to day to
Malvern for a short time.
Her foot is cured, but very
weak, so she cannot walk
much at present. Edward has
been very happy geologising
with the Professor on Agriculture,
who has been with him for
information on shell diseases.

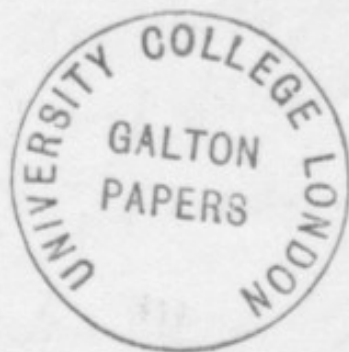
F. 2

Wiggy looks splendid & will be
fit to mow or shear soon.

He is quite a sight. Penelope
was here yesterday with her
Mieie who has been a great
traveller - just come from
Holland, & has been in St
Petersburg &c &c with my
love to you both. Believe me

Yr Affectionate Sister

A. Wheeler





3, Bertie Terrace
19 Aug/03

My dear Francis

Thank you much
for the Pamphlets you
have sent Emma & me,
They are just what we want.
There are two mistakes in the
biography. You are the ninth
not the 7th child, & you are
mentioned as grandson of
Erasmus Galton not Darwin.
I have altered it in my copy.
I am sorry to tell you that
Emma had one of her very
bad attacks on Saturday last,
I was obliged to have morphia

injected. She is now getting better
 & was able to eat a little grouse
 yesterday, having starved three
 days, & was so much better
 after her dinner. She was
 able to see Ben from
 Claverdon. Ben looks much
 happier & better now than
 giving up Claverdon.

Edward goes to his new cousin
 Sir Edw. Mule's funeral
 to day, & then home. He is
 up to the eyes in business
 matters, being besides 34 or

to his Cousin & Guardian
to the Children.

I see I have forgotten to say
that Emma asked me to
thank you for her pamphlet
as she is not up yet to writing
herself. She has heard to
day from Cameron Galton
who says Ethel will not be
able to stand the winter
in America & they hope to
return to England before then
My love to Eva ever

Yr. Affectionate Sister

J. Wheeler



S. Kertész Ferrau
9 Sept. 1903

My dear Francis,

I know you will like to hear from me how Emma is. She has been very suffering from the blister which formed over the wound in her stomach. It has pulled her down & the Lorcenys made her so poorly. Yesterday however she took a good turn, said the place was healing, & she felt able to see some of her friends. She has wonderful powers of rallying as you know, & I really hope she will now get back to her usual state. While ill she sleeps

most of the day, which passes
the time.

Edward came to me on Saturday
I left me yesterday, up to his
eyes in business. He told me
of your very kind offer. I do feel
very grateful, dear Francis, for
your kindness to mine. I shall
be glad when Penelope has got a
house, as nothing can be done
till she has, & then there will
be much to settle. She has seen
a house she likes, but till the Wreck
Inhabitants can suit themselves,
they don't give it up. Edward was
in London last week, two days with
the lawyers on the Duke & his
Edward Wheeler's affairs. Then
off to Worting to see Lady Wheeler,
& then here, so he is well worked,

The Studdys are still House f. 6r
Hunting. A House near Stratford
would suit them very well, but
it is to be sold next week. If
the price is reasonable they
will buy it, but would prefer
renting.

I am glad you like your
present residence & very glad
you are so well. We had two
fine days last week, & now it
is raining most of the day, &
the poor corn is wet thro' &
cannot be carried!

My Pig keeps in high health,
but is getting a little gray, alias
brown, at the tips.

Miss Knightsley & her furniture
come next week. She is having

her garden just tidy which it
much wanted. Gussy returns
on Thursday. Grace is at
Cromer & will not come back
just yet. Walter expects to take
possession of his house the end
of this month. Fanny Wilnot
comes to me on the 14th on a
visit. Give my love to Eva &

Believe me

Your affectionate sister

A. D. Miller,





27 Moor
1903.

3, WERTIE TERRACE,
LEAMINGTON.

My dear Francis

I return your
Jersey as I think I can
go on some time with
out it having measured
it well. There is a great
deal of knitting in it, so
you must not expect it
for some time. It is
beautiful wool & very
pleasant knitting. I
shall borrow yours again
when making it up. —
Edw & Mary are very busy

at Clarendon every day
all is signed at the
lawyers to day. my love
to ever so affectionate sister
A. Shuler



21 Nov
1903.

3, BERTIE TERRACE,
LEAMINGTON.

My dear Francis

The sketch is finished
I wait your approval. Can
you come to me for a few
days in case it wants any
alteration? We should
be very pleased to see you
Edw. & M. & I will be here,
& you would see them at
dinner & breakfast. The
rest of the day they will
be hard at work at Clevedon

Should however if it
inconvenient to you to
come, I will send it to
you by post. If you come
bring the pattern jacket
with you. —

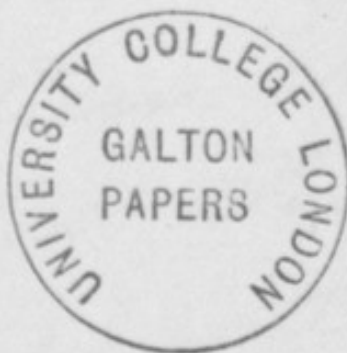
We were very sorry to
hear that Eve was not well
I hope she is better.

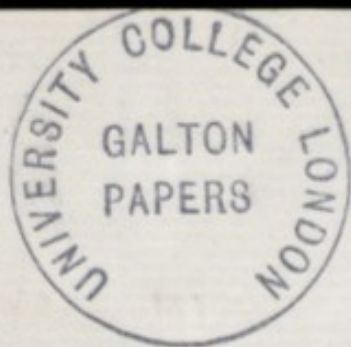
I hear Emma is well, but
have not seen her for
some days, being tied to
the house with rheumatism
& tho' now free from pain
I am not strong.

Emma tells you all the
news. On Tuesday the

sale at Claverdon takes
place. There will not be
much as Edward keeps
most of the furniture.

Believe me
Yr. affectionate sister
E. H. Wheeler





25 Nov
1903

2, BERTIN TERRACE,
LEAMINGTON.

My dear Francis
Emma is so
anxious to have you I
much let her. We shall
both rejoice to have you
I if Eva likes to come to
me I shall be very pleased
to have her.

Edward thought the sales
yesterday was a good one
crowds of people & things
sold well. He & M have
gone to meet work people,
now the House is empty

I fear they will both leave
me before you comes,
your lot last 10/ I believe.
I am sorry you feel the
weather, the damp is
very trying. I went to see
Emma yesterday for the
first time for 3 weeks.
On reading your letter
again I see Eva is going
to Walter while you come
here. My love to her
Ever yr Affectionate Sisters
J. M. Mules

Nov 25 1903

My dear Mamma

f. 11r

As you say you
"should much prefer" Francis
coming to you of course for
it so. I am quite ready & glad
to have him at the last
moment if you are not well.
I will write to him to day.
Ed & M & Dick off. He wishes you
to have his marked catalogue
but I will let him to put the
prices legibly in ink. The carrying
here 30/40/ (£6 I think) & the pony carriage
£1. Sledge 6/. I am very comfortable
to day ever M. EAD



Miss Galton

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1905

12 Feb'y 31 years
since our dear mother's
death,5, BERTIE TERRACE
LEAMINGTON SPA

My dear Francis

Edward was much interested
in your letter. It came just
before I left Claverdon. I am
very glad you feel better, but
wish you had not got too lecture
to give, which will try your
voice. I shall be anxious to hear
you get thro' them without harm.
I have a letter from Ben this
morning, saying she is going
to your lecture on Tuesday. —
I stayed a week at Claverdon &
came home yesterday after a
very pleasant visit. They have

made the House very nice
 & cheerful, & so comfortable.
 Edward is troubled with head-ache,
 since the Influenza, but is
 otherwise well, & very active. —
 Influenza still hangs over the
 House — another Maid was attacked
 while I was there. Mr. Wood
 came for two days to see about
 the Ardencote Sale, which is to be
 in April. He is a pleasant man.
 His Mother was Anne Phillips
 particular friend, & he was her
 godson, which accounts for her
 leaving the property eventually
 to him. I have very good accounts
 of the Huddys; Col. Huddy much
 better, & longing to return home

They leave Hournmouth on
 the 18th, & spend a week paying
 visits to the Mills at Bisterne
 & to Ennery down to see Walter
 & family. They say how mild
 it is, & sit out of doors most
 days. We have had dull misty
 weather at Claverdon, & not
 much sun. Edward has cut
 down a large number of trees
 which are not at all ripened,
 they were so thick in the
 plantations. He spends the
 day planting bulbs in every
 place all over the premises
 which another year will look
 quite a gay carpet of flowers.

I should like to see you, ~~Lichfield~~

book of her Mother & family
I am sure it would be very
interesting. I used to hear
so much of her Uncle & Aunts
from my Mother that I
felt to know them all, —
I shall be very anxious to
hear how you manage your
journey & your lectures, my
love to Eva & Believe me

Yr. Affectionate Sister

E. A. Wheeler,

Forgive blots, it was the
blotting paper did them



Recd. March 1
Ans. March 2

26th Feb. 1905



FROM MISS GARDEN,
5, BERTIE TERRACE,
LEAMINGTON SPA.

My Dear Francis,

I am glad you have got through your long journey, & have met friends to welcome you. I do hope you will now get rid of your troublesome asthma. The weather since you went has been cold with N.E. winds, & it is now raining. Rain is sadly wanted. At Lincoln there is terrible typhoid raging from want of good water, & influenza is very bad here, so you are better away. Thanks you very much for lending me the Wedgwood memoirs. They are most interesting to me. I have been reading Sir John Moore's life, Sir Henry Hawkins's recollections, the former most interesting & the latter very amusing. Lucy & her husband arrived at your house last Thursday, & were welcomed most cordially by Eliza, who "hoped they would make

themselves quite at home". They say
 nothing can be more comfortable in
 every way. Lucy is charmed
 with your picture. She says
 "it is absolutely perfect - leaning on
 his hand - pose, likeness, painting
 quite beautiful - It is himself.
 "There is not a fault in it!" I am so
 glad it is done, & wish I could see it. They
 are enjoying themselves in London, but
 have not very good weather so far, but
 seem wonderfully well for their stay at
 Bournemouth. When they left, they
 went to an Hotel at Lyndhurst, & had lunch
 one day, & tea another day, with the Walter
 Briggs. Lucy says it is a lovely country much
 thro' the Forest to Lyndhurst, & they admired
 Walter's House & village & their little girl. -
 They then went for two days to Kristerne
 to the Cecil Mills, a very nice place;
 the House full of curiosities. Edward &
 Mary come frequently to see me. He is
 full of employment, & has been cutting
 down a quantity of trees, which has long
 been wanted, & yet they stand almost as
 thick as ever. Mary works hard in her

Garden. Her sister Mrs. Gilson has been at Clarendon, & has just left to rejoin her husband in Egypt, leaving her baby, two months old, with Mary till she returns three months hence. Edward has been made an Alderman? which he says will give him much work to do. The sale of furniture at Addenote is on the 11th April & will take three days to clear off. A great number of greenhouse plants & out door things were sold last week. — I expect Fanny Wilnot to come & stay with me on the 6th March for a fortnight. They don't complain in Derby for want of water, it is so damp a place, with two brooks running under the town & the Contractor for draining had no idea what he had undertaken. A man went to Clarendon last week, whom Mary wanted to consult about the garden. Edward took him to see the stone buildings. He found out that the man was a water finder in some degree, so Edward cut him a stick & walked about the field when first as they came over a drain the stick turned visibly. Edward then took the stick &

said it certainly moved as he went
over the same place. There must be
something in it tho' it is incomprehensible.
Tell Eva with my love that as soon
as she left I went to look for my Highland
brood, & with she had seen it, it is very
handsome, & was given to dear Emma
by Miss McKene. I spent some time
practising how to manage it as she
taught me.

Monday 27th Your card just come. Am
glad you have got such comfortable
lodgings. Erasmus came yesterday to
ask if I had heard & saw your letter.
He leaves Leamth to day week. Miss
Shipwith has lost her sister Miss
Fullerton who died yesterday. With
my love to you both ever
Yr Affectionate Sister
Mth A. Wheeler



Ans^d
March 10



5 March 1905

~~5, BERTIE TERRACE,~~
5, BERTIE TERRACE,
LEAMINGTON SPA.

My dear Francis

Your letter of the 2nd March is
come to me this morning, & I am
so thankful to hear you are "getting
well". Cough & Asthma are so very trying.
I wish you had finer weather, but we
are all in the same case. Frost at night
& slight showers now & then in the day.
We want a good soaking rain. Lucy
says they are most comfortable in your
house, that "Agnes" is charmed with
"Gipsy". They have a long chat while Gipsy
takes away breakfast. Agnes says he is
"most intelligent & knows all about Kuffie".
Lucy called on Penelope Galton, & found
her very poorly. She had been in bed a
week from Influenza, & was only just
up, & her sister was still in bed
with a similar attack. It seems
every where just now, & no wonder

in this weather. You
are very lucky in having
so good a house, & a watchman to take
care of you, but as it is Lady Stair's
plate I think ~~the~~ ^{she} should pay him.
I see in Fridays "Times" that she
cannot get rid of her Husband, but
I hope that she won't turn you out.
I suppose you see the "Times", but in
case you do not, I will enclose the
trial for you, if it does not over weigh
this letter. I went round my garden
yesterday in my chair. There was
not a vestige of a bud on the trees,
except a few on the black currants. Every
thing else as backward as at Kilmart.
A few crocuses which look miserable
& as if they wished they had never
come out. I have just read the first
vol of the Redwoods, I find it most
interesting, but oh! how often I catch

Sadly want water & wind to pump
 up what there is. Did I tell you that a
 man came to see Mary about the garden
 & Edward found out he was a water fink
 He cut a stick & gave it to him & walked
 about the place when they came over
 a drain, when the stick twisted ~~so~~ round
 visibly. Edward then took the stick &
 when he walked over the drain he
 says he really felt it move! I keep
 pretty well & get out in a chair on the
 few fine days that we have. Yesterday
 Mr. Cartwright & Mr. Ouslow^{called} they are
 very pleased at her Daughter's engagement
 to Mr. Heyland. He is related to Miss
 Heyland our friend. She is 23 years old.
 How terrible a state Russia is in!
 What will be the end of it! My love
 to Eva ever yr. Affectionate sister

Thy's A. Wheeler



In the Court of Session, Edinburgh, yesterday, Lord Ardwall gave judgment on the preliminary question of relevancy in the action of divorce by Lady Stair, of Cadogan-terrace, London, against Lord Stair, Lochinch, Wigtownshire. His Lordship dismissed the action as irrelevant.

In the course of his opinion his Lordship pointed out that such an action was in Scotland founded solely on the statute of 1873, which enacted that if either a husband or a wife deserted from the other's company without reasonable cause and remained in their malicious and obstinate desertion for four years then the deserted person might sue an action of adherence. If the defender would not adhere, he was held guilty of malicious and obstinate defection, and divorce might be granted. The Conjugal Rights Act, 1861, dispensed with the action of adherence and other preliminaries, and allowed an action of divorce to be raised on the expiry of four years' desertion; but, as had been pointed out by Lord President Inglis, the earlier statute as amended by the later still required the qualification of obstinate non-adherence on the one side and a manifested desire for adherence on the other. Lord Shand had said that the desertion must be wilful, that it must be obstinately insisted in without lawful cause, and that the pursuer in the action throughout the four years was desirous of cohabitation and was ready to renew it. Lord Ardwall apprehended that the law of the subject was correctly set forth in these passages, and he was of opinion that pursuer's case here was not relevant for two reasons. First, it appeared from the defender's averments that up to a date short of the four years' alleged desertion the parties were living apart by mutual consent, or, at all events, that the defender was entitled to consider that they were so living, and therefore his non-adherence during four years could not be held to have been wilful and malicious. Secondly, the pursuer had not relevantly averred (a) that during the period of the alleged desertion she was ready and willing to adhere to the defender; and (b) that she offered to adhere in such a way as to put the defender in the position of a wilful and malicious deserter in not adhering to her. His Lordship thought there was no such resumption of cohabitation as to put an end to the contract of separation; but, assuming that it had been put an end to by the residence at Bendameer, he held that the contract was revived, or was held by both parties to have been revived, at least up to February 4, 1902. The defender was justified in regarding the deed of separation as binding, and, that being so, he was not a malicious and wilful deserter, at all events up to the date of the decision in the special case in February, 1902. The pursuer had averred that during four years she had offered to cohabit with the defender; but by cohabitation she meant something different from what the term had been held to imply, either in the consistorial law or ordinary colloquial language. Her offer to cohabit was not an offer to adhere according to consistorial law and practice. A husband was legally entitled to refuse it, and in refusing was not guilty of diverting from his wife's company without reasonable cause or of malicious obstancy in remaining in a state of separation.

After hearing counsel on both sides, his LORDSHIP said that he thought that the action should not have been brought, and that therefore it was an unreasonable action. Accordingly he would not find any expenses due to or by either party.

The Bishop of Winchester has appointed the Rev. S. G. Scott, rector and rural dean of Havant, Hants, to an honorary canonry of Winchester Cathedral, vacant by the death of Canon Huntingford, D.C.L. The Bishop has also appointed Canon Grant, rector of Guildford, to be rural dean of Guildford, in succession to Bishop Ingham, who has left the diocese.

The total sum collected on Wednesday at the annual service at St. Paul's Cathedral on behalf of the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund, together with amounts previously sent in, was £485.

The committee of the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund (Rochester Diocese) have made grants of £200 each towards increasing the endowment of St. Andrew's, Earlsfield, St. Augustine's, Grove-park, S.E., and St. Paul's, Hook, and £1,315 was voted to 31 poor benefices in the diocese in sums varying from £20 to £75 as annual grants. The festival service of the Rochester diocesan branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on May 23, at 7 30, when the Dean of Rochester will be the preacher.

The Dean Hole Memorial Executive Committee have instructed Mr. F. W. Pomeroy to execute a recumbent figure of the late Dean in the finest statuary marble, and, in conjunction with Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, architect to the Dean and Chapter of Rochester, to design an altar tomb or base for the figure. The work is to be completed within 18 months. A site for the memorial will be selected in Rochester Cathedral. About £140 has still to be raised to complete the memorial.

In aid of the Bishop of Winchester's Fund, a meeting was held at The Deepdene, Dorking, the residence of Lily Duchess of Marlborough, on Wednesday. In explaining the needs of the diocese, the Bishop of Winchester quoted the case of Eastleigh, where, he said, the London and South-Western Railway Company were about to transfer their vast works from London, with the result that it would have grown in the course of 20 years from a village of about 1,000 population to a town with over 30,000 population. In the course of two years there would be another 3,000 artisans with their families in Eastleigh, which would become like Swindon and Crewe. He mentioned that as showing the kind of thing they had to deal with in the diocese. There were no rich people at Eastleigh, but there were rich people in the diocese whose safety depended upon the railway men of Eastleigh, and so, when he went about the diocese, he appealed to his friends to help in the work. Having alluded to the spiritual needs of Portsmouth and Southampton, the Bishop said London was making itself felt all over the north of Surrey, and the cry of the clergy would be louder and louder every year. What they wanted were new parishes, new endowments, and new workers paid sufficiently in order that they could do their work without perpetual care and anxiety. The requirements could only be met by the co-operation and generosity of the laity.

A farewell meeting in connexion with the departure of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodgkin (ex-chairman of the Student Volunteer Missionary Union) to take up mission work among the Chinese students in Chen-tu was held last night in the Friends' Meeting-house, Bishopsgate-without. Mr. R. Beck, of Southampton, presided. The Rev. T. Tatlow delivered an address in which he emphasized the importance of Christian work among the students, who were the future leaders of the country. In China men of that class

A Birthday with Soup



13 March
Milly's birthday
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~~FROM MISS GALTON,~~
5, BERTIE TERRACE,
LEAMINGTON SPA.

My dear Francis

Your letter just come.
You do not say how you are, so hope
you are better, & able to enjoy the
sunshine. The last week here has
been March & April combined. Heavy
showers & brisk winds, the former
very welcome, but combined too much
vegetation at a stand still, not a sign.
Erasmus left last Monday & I have
not yet heard from him. I don't
know whether you get the "Times" in
Italy. In last Friday's paper is an account
of a wonderful find in Egypt of Rosas
treasure in a tomb - the most wonderful
of all - a chariot thickly plated with gold
& quantities of gold & silver things. I
cut it out & would send it to you if
you have not seen it. Mr. Theodore
Davis seems the discoverer. It is a
long & interesting account.

I am reading the 2nd vol of the
Wedgwoods - it is very interesting,

but I can quite understand
some might not like it
published without some alterations.

I had a letter from Mrs. Meynell
(Danny Wilson's sister) she has read
the book lend to her, & is very pleased
with it. I am going to subscribe
for books to a Mr. Hook in Leam?
He has branch libraries every where
I will send for any book required, which
will suit me better than sending
to Mudie. Hook is a Chemist. He has
six branches in Derby I hear, & all over
the Kingdom. The Muddys come to me
on Thursday next the 18th on their way
home. They will give to leave
gifts! Lucy sees in the shop tiny books
sold with a little box of powder, so instead
of asking for a photo of a friend you
ask him for an impression of his
thumb in the little book! They have
thoroughly enjoyed London, I feel much
your kindness in lending your house

I am glad you stay longer abroad —
This weather would not suit you,
& there is much illness every where,
so much influenza. Grace Mott
is come home & thinks the Bath
waters have done her good, she
has her invalid sister Mrs. Copman
with her, who is in a very critical
state, her heart so weak. Fanny
looks very well, Hilda is gone
abroad with Miss Pakey for a month
which she much enjoys. If to
day keeps fine Fanny is going
with me to see dear Emma's grave
which she wants to see. Dear Emma!
I miss her more & more! I wrote some
time ago to tell Mr. Millard & Mudie
of her death, & both wrote so nicely
of their sorrow at hearing of it. —
Edward & Mary often come to see
me. They are planning some
expedition for the spring for about

a month, but whether to the
North or South is not quite fixed,
They are both very well & Edward
finds plenty to do, Mary says she
did see Edw? sometimes at Abchurch,
but now he is off after breakfast &
busy all day & she sees nothing of
him. Your account of the coloured
photos is very interesting, I suppose
they will in time find out how to
do them well. Fanny Wilmer
desires me to send her love to you
& Eva, she stays with me till the
23^d. I shall be sorry to lose her
he talks over old Derby which I enjoy
My love to Eva Ever
Yr affec^t Sister
Edw. Heles



Ans. - March 22



19 March
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FROM MISS GALTON,
5, BERTIE TERRACE,
LEAMINGTON SPA.

My dear Francis

Your letter came this
morning, & we are so pleased to hear
from you & yourself that you are so
much better, & hope you will be able
to stay on where you are so comfortable.
We have the last few days had lovely
warm spring weather, with occasional
heavy showers, & the Hedges are just throwing
buds, every thing so backward. Last
Wed. there was a sharp earthquake at
Barnet, but the Studdys did not feel it
in London. The storms have been very
heavy, & terrible mischief done all over
the islands, & much shipwreck wrecked -
Edward says nine inches more water is
wanted still! One steamer has been delayed
two days at Portsmouth, & yesterday had
to put in at Portland, the sea was so
rough. She is on her way to Lisbon, Lucy
& Agnes came here on Thursday

after taking an affectionate leave
of Nigie. They have thoroughly enjoyed
their stay in Kipland Gate.

I send you the cutting about Egypt
I do not want it again. Fanny, Edmund
& I went to see Emmet's grave a few
days ago. The rain has taken all the
brightness of the brass away. It looked
very nice, & the engraving so clear: -
Fanny was very pleased with it, & espe-
cially with the inscription. I have
finished the bedwood letters & have been
very interested with them. I will keep
the books till you return, unless you
wish me to send them any where.

Your account of the Barclay broth
is quite new to me. There are several
families of Barclays, all originally from
the same stock, but now very distantly
related, so the boiled Barclay is not one
of our ancestors I hope, only a distant
Cousin! Edward & Mary were here on
Friday. Her brother Frank Dugdale is
leaving Mark Phillips' House at

Snitterfield, which is advertised to be
 let. The Theodore Cartwrights are having
 card tea parties. Mrs. Knightley is
 returned from Bath as active as ever.
 We were in hopes Lady Malcolm would
 have taken up 3 in this Terrace but
 she thinks it too large. Poor Kippia
 seems at its last gasp, want of money &
 want of soldiers. Lucy wants to add
 few lines so with my love to you both
 Ever yr affec^t sister
 J. Wheeler

My dear Uncle
 I quite forgot to say we left
 our Thumb Impressions at Kentland
 Gate, so if we run off with any
 thing, you can identify us!!
 I also wanted to say, I showed
 your picture to Miss G. Emmell
 who takes pastel likenesses - &
 is one of 3 artistic Sisters - one
 of whom mounted your sampler

& she was very delighted with it.

Mother is very well & bright.
Her legs are swollen - she took
her several times round her garden
to day in the chair. She talks of
going both to Claverdon & to us soon.

We go home to-morrow - after
our long absence - & a very delightful
time we had!

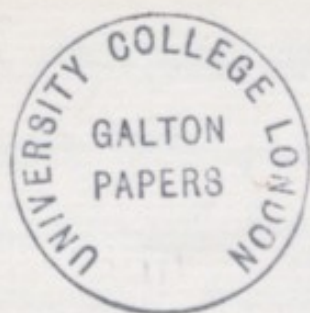
Love to you both from

Your affectionate niece

Lucy Studdy

Mother has heard of Uncle Erasmus.
The storm was very heavy there
& has done much mischief - so
he will have plenty of occu-
pation for some weeks.

Ans?
March 31



Flowerdon Leg
27 March 1905

~~3. Bartie Tennere,~~
Leamington.

My dear Francis

Your letter came this
morning, forwarded from Leamington.
I came here on Friday for a week,
& have been much interested seeing
all they are doing. No 2 is turning the
garden inside out. Poles to be covered
with roses - grass walks &c. &c. & &c.
Farm increasing. Lambs (one born
with three legs) little pig, quantities
of chickens - a foal &c. I went on
Sat. to see a deer incubator for
raising trees that have been cut
down, & carrying them off without
any trouble. The hedges are only just
showing a tinge of green, every thing
is so backward. The studs come

here tomorrow to lunch, & on Thursday
 go for one night to my House, that
 afternoon may attend the Auctions
 when no. 3 is put up for sale. There
 are so many Houses in Leam. to let
 & to sell I fear they will hardly get a
 bid. Mrs. Knighley is doing all she
 can ^{to} get them a Tenant, she says
 her House is so cold for want of fires
 in no. 3! I had a few lines from Emma
 who was in much ~~extreme~~ ^{great} perplexity
 having rec^d. a letter from Mark's (Keene)
 asking names birth marriages & deaths
 of all his family, not one of which he
 could answer, so sent the paper to me
 to fill up. I am sorry I cannot clear
 Kinship with the Roasted Barley. When
 you come next to me he will count out
 all dear Emma's Barley papers, &
 perhaps we may find him. He has
 the genealogies of many of the collateral

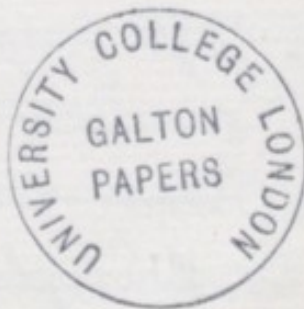
branches of the Barclays copied from
 Mr. Hudson Jernoy's papers. I see
 in the Leam? papers that Dr. Thurstall
 is gone for his holiday to the West
 Indies! I am very glad you are able
 to remain a little longer where you
 are. We have some nice warm days
 but also some cold ones with fog in
 the morn'g & rain. I find my wicker
 chair a great comfort, it is so
 easily pushed on & Edw? & Mr. De
 take me all round the premises in
 it. From the newspapers today
 Russia seems more inclined for
 peace. There is a nice ^{speech} ~~passage~~
 in today's paper by Count. Kersdorff
 former secretary of the German Embassy
 at a dinner in London speaking so
 highly of England & how well Germans
 were treated in England & our King
 was "incessantly endeavouring to bring
 nations more together & to clear away

the misunderstanding; between them
 & now all our loyal family were
 indefatigable in doing good to us
 I shall stay here till the end of the
 week & shall then either go home
 or to the Studdys if their house
 cleaning is over. When you write
 tell me how you are. I wish I had
 more news to tell you. Give my
 love to Eva & believe me

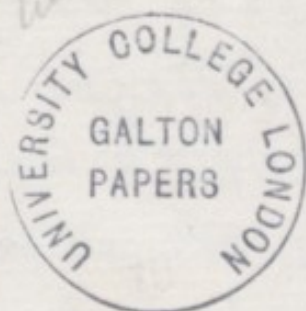
Yr. Affectionate Sister

E. A. Wheeler

Edw. & M. I would send their love
 but they are gone out & I don't know
 I am writing.



Ans!
April 13
not to my same time



The Avenue House
Stratford on Avon

~~3, Bedford Terrace,
Birmingham.~~

4 April
1905

My dear Francis,

Your letter just come here. I left Claverdon yesterday & arrived here, where I shall stay till Saturday, & then go home, we are very glad to hear you feel so much better. I wish you would have stayed on in the same house the garden must be so nice, especially as Spring comes on. Every thing is coming out nicely but slowly. Lucy & Agnes went last Thursday to the Auction to know the fate of no 3, but there was not one single bid!! There are so many empty Houses just now.

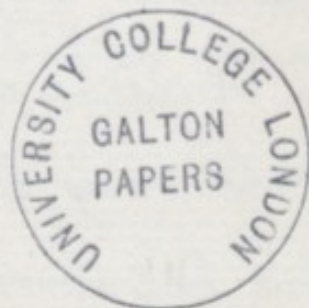
Mrs. Brown, the late Bishop of
 Worcester's widow, is staying with
 Mrs. Knightley, & would like to take
 the house if she might have the
 garden too. I think won't suit me.
 I could not give up my apricot
 trees &c &c. I hope however she
 may come round, as she would be
 a nice neighbour. — Penelope Galtton
 is with Mrs. Knightley for a week,
 but I fear I shall just miss her —
 Edw. & Mary took me in my
 chair all round Emma Phillips's
 grounds. I had no idea there was
 so much pleasure ground, & all in
 such beautiful order, It was sad
 seeing some of her horses in the
 stable, & hearing they were to be sent
 in a few days! Emma now is still as

Loxton I say he has work to
 keep him there a fortnight
 Conyer, & then he goes to South
 ampton & Ryde. The storm
 some weeks ago did much
 mischief, which has given him
 employment. Lucy tells me
 for ~~love~~ that they have put up
 a new Lych gate at Ettrington in
 remembrance of Mr. Hurley.
 I, like you, have been struck
 with Germany's change of attitude
 towards us, after so many years
 abuse. I have been reading
 "The Russian & Japanese war" by Cowan
 it is very interesting & begins at
 the beginning up to last Sept. He
 gives a nice account of the Japanese.

I how nicely they behaved when
 the Russian Admiral was blown
 up in his ship. The Japanese ships
 all lowered their flags half mast
 high! I only hope we shall not
 teach them too much, how to
 make war on us. I hear there
 are no end of young lapps in
 England learning, I wish I had
 more news for you, but there is
 none. With love from us all to
 you & Eva. Believe me

Yr. Affectionate Sister

J. A. Wheeler



acknowledged
2 back of letters about
L-ke posted - April 17/94

12 April
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53, BERTIE TERRACE,
LEAMINGTON.

My dear Francis

I got your letter yesterday
just after I returned home
from the study, where I have
been a week, but oh! the weather.
I am glad you were away. The
first 3 days intense cold, & a
strong wind with snow showers,
& the last three days rather warmer,
with almost constant rain, so I
could get out of doors one day only,
what is called the blackthorn
winter. I hope it is over, for to
day is beautiful. Every thing
coming out, & the plums full
flower. I left Lucy & Aspiner
well, & enjoyed my visit, next

Monday I expect Edward & Mary

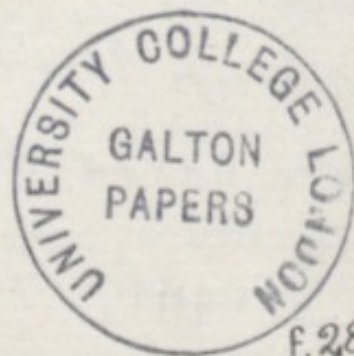
for a few days. The
 sale at Ardencote is now going
 on. Penelope Galton is passing
 weeks in Leamington. She could
 not bear going to the sale. She
 came to see me yesterday, but
 looks very pulled down from
 influenza, & has not lost the
 cough. They are making such
 a mess all over the town, digging
 up the tramways, & preparing
 for the electric cars. I had to
 come home by the lower Warwick
 road yesterday, & they are now
 working hard opposite the
 Terrace. I have not seen Susy
 yet, but was sorry to hear from
 Pen that Dora had fallen down

Itavir, & hurt her shoulder very
much out - a severe dislocation.
Her arm is still bound to her
side, but she gets out as usual.
I was not otherwise hurt, Grace
also has had a fright about her
sister, who had a seizure last
week, & was unconscious for
some time. It was a clot of
blood, & she is better again. I
was sorry to see the death of
Lord St. Helier in the Times, & a
long account of him. He had
enjoyed his title a very short time,
It brings back to my mind
his father, Dr. Jeune, who used
to live in Lansdowne Place, where
Darwin explained to him the
about hunting & took him to
see races &c & opened his mind
greatly, Gussy has just called & is

very troubled about this law suit
with Mr. Cathcart, which is coming
on in May or June, & is a most
^{vindictive}
~~vindictive~~ thing of his. It is some
thing about the sale of Red Cross
Lodge. There ought to be a limit
to time. I hope you will like
your new quarters & have no more
robbers, very hard that you should
have to pay for Lady Stair's property.
The motor boat races must
be very amusing to see but
I should not like to go in one.
How terrible this earthquake in
India! My love to Eva

Ever yr Affectionate Sister

E. A. Wheler



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18 April
1905

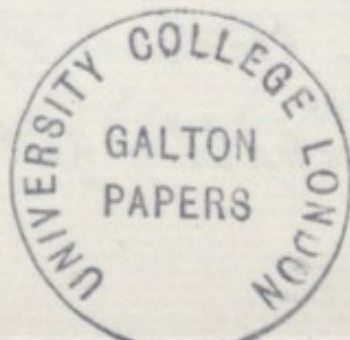
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LEAMINGTON.

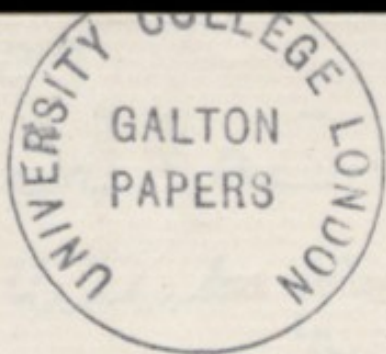
My dear Francis
we are so pleased to hear
you are so much stronger & able
to walk longer distances. Don't
come back too soon. We have
had a week of fine warm weather,
but now the N.E. winds have
come & make it cold to go out.
It is delightful seeing all the
trees budding & the fruit blossoms.
Edward & M. L. are with me for
a few days. The sale at Ardencote
was well attended, & about £1,000
was taken. There was some very
good china, which if it had been
sold in London would have fetched
much more than it did. A
set of three were sold for about
£10. When M. L. was in London

She described them to a ~~Commissioner~~
 who said a similar set were sold
 a week ago for £200 being old
 nankin! Penelope left Leam?
 last Saturday. She spent an hour
 every day with me while she was
 here, & certainly looked much
 better for the change of air than
 she went. I think I told you
 that Susan is very worried about
 this lawsuit Mr. Catteit is
 bringing against her, 24 Galtin
 & others of the family. It is a
 most vindictive affair on his
 side, & she fears she will have
 to pay. It is something about
 the sale of Red Cross Lodge here.
 There ought to be some limit
 of time after which such charges

could not be made. Sussy had
nothing to do with the matter,
Dora's shoulder is nearly right
again, & she will be unbandaged.
What a curious sight the
motor boat race must be, but
the noise must be very disagreeable
& I should not like to trust myself
in one. There are no end of motor
carriages here. They increase
rapidly. At present the road
opposite this House is nearly
impassable - they are laying down
electric rails, & my amusement
is to watch them doing it.
High poles are put up all
down the parade which look
very ugly, & I suppose we shall
have them opposite here -
& probably get used to them.

Very little news from the war
 They seem watching each other
 a sea fight would be an awful
 thing. One circumstance delighted
 me in yesterday's "Times" On Saturday
 last which, of course you remember,
 was the anniversary of Culloden.
 Some one placed a wreath upon
 the memorial of the sad disaster.
 Grace has got her I would sister
 nurse & three nephews with her
 so her time is fully taken up.
 I have not heard from Erasmus
 since he left Dartmouth. He is
 now at Hyde. Give our love
 to Eva & with the same to
 yourself Ever yr. Affectionate sister
 Ed. Wheler





April 18. 1905

3, Bertie Terrace,
Leamington.

Dear Uncle Frank,

Mother is writing &
I must add a line, though
I am only allowed small
bits of paper to write on.

We are getting on with
the Lamping all evening
& I have got the proof of
part of the Report, which
will be a long one. It is
very interesting, thorough, &

f. 31r

I think, convincing. The
dampening ill disease is now
on, & I am anxious to hear
the result of this year's pre-
ventive measures.

We are delighted to hear
how fit you are, & expect
you will be up to anything
when you come to see us.

Altogether I have cut down
about 250 trees round the
house, & though it lets in

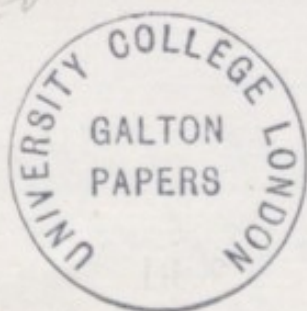
were all & sunburnt,
 I think you will hardly miss
 them. The garden is something
 of a desert - Everything
 which was in it having
 been destroyed, & no new
 creations yet having yet
 begun to grow.

You are interested in bacterio-
 logical matters. It is curious
 that the sheep disease "Brady"
 occurs, speaking generally,
 only to occur where the
 influence of the Gulf Stream
 is felt, except a small area

on the Baltic. Bragg extends
from Cornwall, up the west
of Scotland & Ireland to the
Faroe Shetlands etc to Ice-
land & Norway.

Mother seems fairly well
but her breathing troubles
her somewhat. She goes
down stairs once only in con-
sequence, but gets out in
her bath chair on fine
days. We are with her till
Saturday. Do not trouble to
reply to this as I see your
letters to her. Our love to you
both. Would you give us an early
visit after Mr. Vernon's return
Ever yours
E. J. White

Wheler



26 Apr /05

3, Bertie Terrace,
Leamington.

My Dear Francis

Your letter just come -
I am very glad to hear you are
so well, & that this "little upset"
is of no consequence, we shall be
very pleased to see you back again,
but do not hurry. The last week
has been bitterly cold again, a
2d Blackthorn winter. Cold wind
I much of it. To day is slightly milder,
& I hope to get out for a short time.
Every thing in the garden that was
coming out has stood still, the
last week, so don't hurry home.
Sir Eastbright used to say that the 12th
& 13th Mays were called ice days in
Germany & were always cold, last
week there was a rather strong

earthquakes in the north of England
 & south of Scotland.

Fanny Wilnot wrote from Derby
 that she was awake in the night with
 a loud rumbling noise, but fancied
 it was something at the railway which
 was near the house, but it was the
 earthquake.

Very curious what you tell me of Dr
 Leane & Webb feat. I remember Zerah
 Colburn, an American calculating
 boy, who with his father dined at
 our house. Both had six fingers, so
 it does run on in families.
 we are all going on much as usual
 all the old people shut up at home
 from the cold. The study full of
 prints for this Shakespeare week.
 Last Monday was a grand procession,
 every one expected to lay flowers
 on his grave, & his plays acted every
 day for a whole fortnight.

Edward & Mary have been staying
 near Thifnal, with Edward's former
 sub agent, Mr. Marchant who is
 now agent to Lord Bradford, who has
 a large place there, a beautiful
 park &c. Lady Bradford asked them
 to tea & took them all over the
 house & garden. They lunch with
 me tomorrow on their way home.
 Erasmus is at Hyde but I have
 not heard from him since he
 left Loston. About Gussy I don't
 understand exactly what the law suit
 is about, I fancy Red Cross was bought
 with settlement money, I perhaps may
 have sold for less than it was bought
 for, & the Trustees have to make it up
 but I am not sure that that is the
 case. Dora Galtton is gone abroad
 for a few weeks with the Corbets
 Russeci & Japan keep waiting
 each other but not doing any

any thing. Our King & Queen
seem enjoying themselves sailing
about

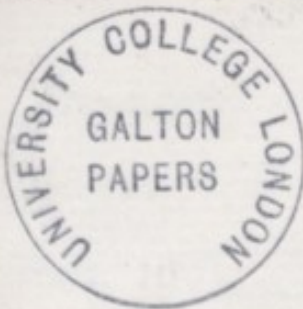
I wonder whether Gardey Allardie
is really trying again for the title.
Lucy met the other claimant at
Portugal Mr. Bontine (do you remember
him a little boy at Mr. Atwoods after
you left) She, Lucy went to call on
Mr. Bontine & found the Allardie
Genealogy on their table. Bontine
was nephew to Miss Speirs

We are still in a great mess preparing
for the electric telegraph I are not to
be put straight till June or July, —
many thanks for your warning, but
I don't feel inclined to climb the
poles. My love to Eva. Ever

Yr affected sister

J. W. H. [Signature]





10 May/05

3, Bertie Terrace,
Leamington.

My dear Francis

You have certainly
brought summer with you, for
it is only just come - last week
we had cold winds, but I hope now
we shall be warmer. You will find
us all pretty well, & glad to see you.
My Housemaid goes on Sat^y for
her holiday till the 23^d, but after
that any time I shall be delighted
to see you & Eva. -

Poor Zussy is in sad trouble & worry.
This horrid Mr. Catcart is going
to law with her. He says Herman
borrowed £5000 from Theodore
& paid it back with settlement
money, & he comes upon her &

Lady Gallton for the money as
 Douglas was Trustee. Robert Knowl
 nothing about it, neither do the
 Herman Galltons. It is used upon
 Luffy, who had nothing to do with
 it, & if she has to pay, Mildred,
 who was not in the settlement
 will be the essential loser.

The trial comes on the end of
 this month. Mr. Cathcart must
 be mad! He is going to law with
 the Lady who has been so kind
 in helping to pay for his daughter's
 schooling, & says she has not sent
 all the child's clothes!"

Grace has taken her invalid sister
 home to Bedford & is not yet come
 back.

I had a letter from Mrs Hope to dear

Immediate for a ticket, &
 saying we had probably forgotten
 her as Maggie Graham. I wrote
 to her telling her that I thought
 I remembered well (the Cunningham
 Grahams). She was very pleased
 with my writing & says

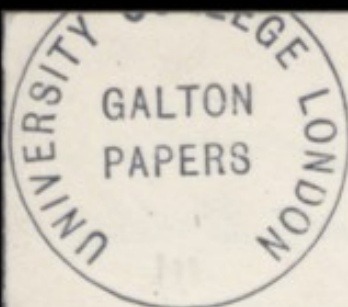
- "I remember your Brother Francis
 in 1840 taking lessons in dancing.
 the Polka from my eldest sister
 & my Cousin the Dundas. Considering
 the status he now holds in science
 this now seems frivolous?"

The Studys are well. Edward &
 Mary busy & happy at Clevedon
 My love to Eva Esch

Yr. affectionate sister

Ed Wheler

I saw Adele Bree last week looking
 very well & she gave a good account
 of Constance Pearson



5 Kewton Terrace
18 July
1905?

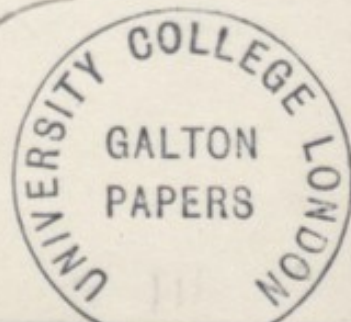
My dear Francis

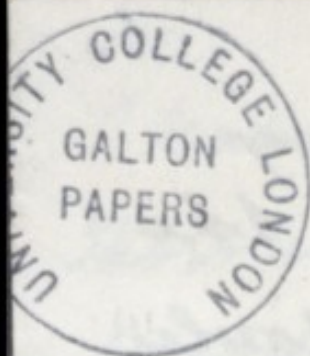
I received your two letters yesterday. I am very sorry that Amy has become H.C. tho' I quite expected she would, but it is a trial for Millicent. How strange that in our Deacons family so many have become Catholics! I quite agree with you it is much better than ultra High Church. I remember Lady Cartwright when talking of ultra High Church said "it does not do me as being H.C." — I will tell all the relations she ought to know, I say I do it for her. — I saw Eva on

Sunday, She told me you
 were going North to Mr. Hill,
 Cannot you come here on
 the 31 July or 1st Aug. on
 your way? I should be very
 pleased to see you. My person
 maid is going for her holiday,
 but will have returned on
 the 31st, what a curious
 way of warming coffee! It
 would be useful in a sick room
 to warm tea in the night, we
 have just set up the Electric
 Cars here - they began to run
 on Saturday - very handsome
 carriages able to carry 40 people,
 & are illuminated from end to
 end at night. Colonel Studdy

seems going on very well, He
 would like seeing Gips. Lucy
 seems done up with the heat
 & talk of coming home for a few
 days. It is cooler now, but has
 been very hot in spite of which
 there have been garden parties
 every day. Edward is in the
 midst of his hay making &
 quite happy. They are sadly
 dried up at Clarendon for want
 of water & the garden has suffered
 in consequence. He has been
 boring for a new well but
 with little success. Very dear
 love to Millicent & ever
 yr Affectionate Sister

Edith





11 Augt 1905

5, BERTIE TERRACE
LEAMINGTON SPA

My dear Francis

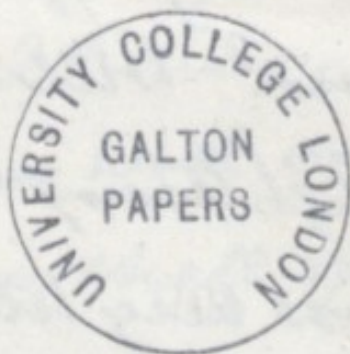
I am glad you had some
fine days at the Lakes, & could
recognise all your old haunts,
but wherever one goes one is
reminded of friends lost, whom
we met when there, before!—
I felt very low last Thursday,
all came so vividly back to
me of dear Emma a year ago,
& then I think what a blessing
all her pain is over. The Camera
Galtons have got a nice house
I believe & would be very

pleased to see your Lucy
 dined here yesterday. He
 says Arthur improves slowly
 but steadily. The wound is not
 quite healed but nearly so. He
 walks in the garden a little, but
 feels better in his dressing gown.

Grace Morrill's goes to day to
 Schlangenbad for the baths, &
 the Herman Galtow are at
 Hyde. I feel very solitary with
 out them. I thank you for the
 Turtle soup. Edward & Mary
 are coming to dine with me
 next week when we shall open
 it. I long to see the looking-

I have been reading John
Shorthouse's life. There are
several letters of his to Arthur
Galton showing how highly
he thought of his talents &
writings. I don't think we
have appreciated him enough -
It was a great pleasure to me
seeing you last week. & seeing
you look so well. I want to
ask you a question. Does
lightening affect the electric
trams? Will they run down
the lightning upon them? I
know very little about electricity
but should not like to be in

one in a thunder storm,
Eva will like to know that Mr
Knightley is come home & has
every hope her sister Mr. Richfield
will recover. Her sister in law
is with her now. Eva's nurse is
going soon to London from
Peggy, with my love to Eva
Ever yr. Affectionate sister
Edw. Wheler





29 Sept, 1905
5 Kentish Terrace

My dear Francis.

These early winds will
make you more satisfied to leave
the country. I luckily had our
chickens examined after the
gales, & heard that those at no. 3
& 4 & 5 were in a bad state, so it is
likely they were examined, —
Grace Moilliet's sister (who has been
rather better) was seized with
paralysis & died in a few hours.
She leaves five young sons orphans.
The two youngest at school. Grace
came home at once, & goes next
Monday to Bedford to make all
arrangements. She will probably

have the Boys at home for
 these holidays. Edward was here
 yesterday. He found Grassman
 much better than he was last
 year, & quite up to his work. Getting
 up at 2 in the morning & able to
 walk up the hill. He comes here
 next month. It is a curious life
 but it suits him. Gussie's finger
 is getting on towards recovery, but
 is still painful when dressed. —
 I am glad your book is finished
 & that you have rest. Fanny
 tells me that ^{the lady} Lord Kelper's grand
 daughter has won the "Wuxley"
 medal for entomology. It is curious
 how squinting is hereditary in
 that family, from generation to

generation, in most of the streets
it used to be said that the bumps
of arithmetic (in which they were
all first rate) pushed the eye out of
place, but Fanny says two of the
present generation spirit terribly, &
are not particularly clever.

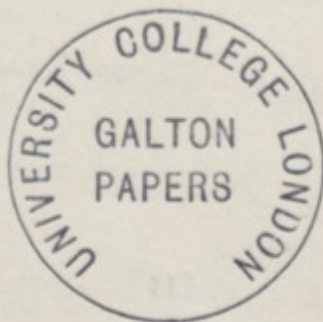
I am much interested in "Madame"
which I have got from the library.
& feel very thankful I am not
a Madame at Court, especially
in France. This weather makes
us think of winter clothing,
you must tell me when I should
make you another jacket. —

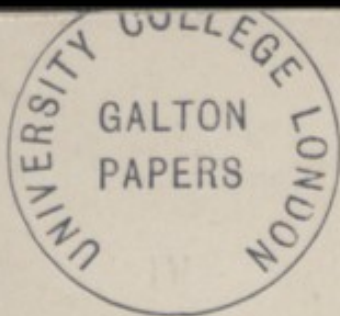
It is pouring with rain & we
are expecting Fanny Belmont's
niece to come & sign see?

Edward is still boring for
water which boat come. They
are sadly dried up. Fanny
says it is become serious near
the Collieries, as they cut off the
springs. I have no news so
Good bye Fanny joins me
in love to you both

Ever yr. affate, sister

W. D. Wheeler





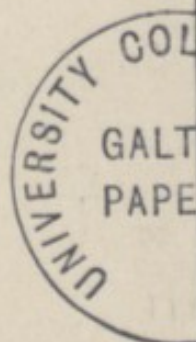
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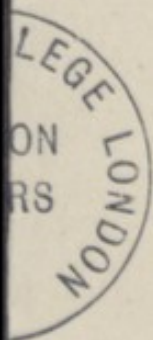
My dear Francis
I am ~~back~~ to my sofa
so forgive bad writing & a
short note. I shall be very
happy to see you & a life.
at any time. I am at
present obliged to have my
necks up stairs but you
would have yours as usual.
I know that your throat
& my deafness do not suit
but you can do as I ^{do} ~~will~~
always ^{do} ~~write~~ ^{wish} of
speaking. I quite hope
to get rid of my rheumatism
soon & in all other respects

I am very well. I do hope
your throat will now
be less troublesome.
My love to you both
Ever & affectionately, sister

W. H. Miller



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5, BERTIE TERRACE
LEAMINGTON SPA



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My dear Francis

I am very sorry you
have got a cough again, but
these cold winds are enough
to try every throat, I wish
me quite content to stay
in doors. I shall be very
pleased to see you at any
time, & require only a day's
notice to get your room
warm & comfortable. —
Edward hoped to come & see
you while in London for a
meeting of the Land Agents,

Erasmus is here at the
Revere Hotel for the winter.
He is looking remarkably
well, & stops less. He has
been much better since
the cold weather began?
very few enjoy it as he does.
M & Lucy come in turn
to stay with me tho I
may not be dull, but I
don't like taking them
from their homes. Colonel
Studdy's cold is better, & he
has a cousin staying with
him to keep him out of

Guy - f. 46r

infirmities while ~~he~~ is
away. Grace is come to
the Leithbridge at Taseare.
Guy & Amy come to
Clarendon next week, so
I hope to see them. Now
Guy is low at not getting
any thing to do. His hand-
writing is against him. I
wish he could improve
it. Guy's hand is better
well, but very slowly & is
still in a sling. Hilda is
making a visit in Inverness
& says they have snow there

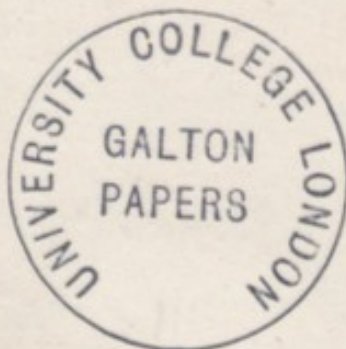
The trees are changing
 colour & some leaves
 falling - frost in the
 morning. You must excuse
 a dull letter as I have no
 news. Lucy joins me in
 love to you & Eva &

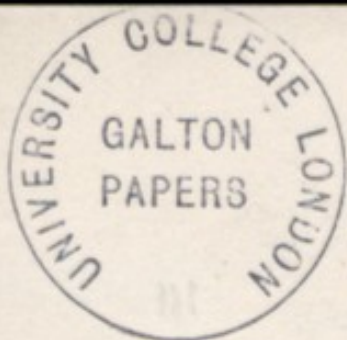
Believe me

W. Affectio sister

Ed. Shaker

Last Tuesday was dear
 Emma's birthday. 36 years
 since that awful operation





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Sunday
23 Oct
5, BERTIE TERRACE,
LEAMINGTON SPA.

My dear Francis,
I was so sorry to
hear from Edw. that you
were again laid up with
cough. Very much as
I should have liked to see
you, I feel ~~almost~~ glad
you have given up coming
to wish us good bye, for I
am sure it would have
done you harm. There
is nothing like a station
for catching cold. I

F. 47c

I shall be glad when I hear
 you are safe over the Channel
 to ^a warmer climate. It is
 a nice letter from Mr. Butler
 & it was a nice present
 for you to give to the College
 & I am sure will be
 prized. Lord Leighton's funeral
 was attended by every body
 rich & poor, for he was
 connected with every
 society in the County. The
 Dean's paper was put in
 mourning & a long account

of all he had done. —
Lucy is with me but goes
home tomorrow. She has
recovered from her cold.
Mr L comes on Wed. for
a few days. I am much
better, & free from pain
any & Guy Lottside
came from Claverdon
yesterday to see me. What
a pretty girl she is. So
like her mother & also
a likeness to Adele.

I hope you will write
often to me & I will do

my best to be a good
 "ecrivisse" Erasmus
 comes when he wants
 I have heard from you
 Lucy joins me in love
 & best wishes for you
 Dear Francis Ever
 yr Affectionate Sister
 A. Wheeler

I have copied Mr. Butler's
 letter & return it as you
 suggest. I shall put the
 copy with your other
 papers in dear Emma's
 box

