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Le Puce

June 14<sup>th</sup> /83

My dearest Brother -

We are so glad to find  
from Carrie's welcome letter dated  
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - rec<sup>d</sup> - last mail - that  
you are better though when she  
wrote you from well - I trust  
when you get this dear, that you  
may be about as usual - You  
may be with Aunt S. now - as I  
know you often spend Christmas  
of the year together - I shall think  
of you on your birthday dear -  
Well - we are all much as usual  
as regards health - some of us  
rather on the grumble - But then  
we are all getting into years & can  
not expect to feel & do as we once  
did - I often think it is wonder-  
ful - how day by day strength  
& energy are given us to get through  
our ordinary & extraordinary duties -



I find it does not do to look for-  
ward very far or one loses heart  
but just keep on from day to day  
doing the best & leaving the rest -  
I do not think it will do for you  
to be at Southport as B. proposes -  
during the spring months - for the  
frosts there are cutting - at that  
time of year - you must go to  
Scutcheon or some sheltered place  
if it can be managed - I told  
Anne to send you a line to let  
you know when she would be  
likely to call - so I hope she will  
but I think I mentioned in  
my last that she was going  
to winter in Hobart - & return  
home about September - Tom has  
written for a few lines & told you  
about the little box the Red Mr  
Boucher has kindly taken charge  
of for me - he started last  
week on his way to England



but it is uncertain when he reaches  
home as he will stop by the way  
to see a few places - he will go  
via Wiscon - so I cannot tell quite  
when you may expect the box -  
perhaps about three months  
from now - he will send it on  
by parcel post when he reaches  
home - I have asked him to  
call on you when he is in London  
she had promised to - as I know  
you would like to hear about  
us all, he dined here a few days  
before he left - we liked him so  
much & are so sorry he has left us  
I believe he is a really good young  
man - I fear you will say  
that the things we have sent  
are worth very little & certainly  
not worth sending so far - but  
it is the best we can do - we  
may get a more valuable collec-  
tion together for another opportunity



unity. I hope they may reach you  
safely. The children were much  
excited over the packing. I wanted  
one to tell them exactly how you  
& Aunt Carrie would go when the  
"L. P. D. S." cart stopped. Don't expect  
to find much, then you won't be  
disappointed dear. Carrie (by her  
letter) appears to imagine that we  
all went to the Hot Lakes in one  
buggy. It was only Annie &  
Gertrude who went. They tra-  
velled by coach from the settle-  
ment. "Bob" could not do the  
journey in one day. a distance  
of nearly 50 miles. I hope to  
go some day & break the journey  
perhaps by sleeping for one night  
in some Maori "Whare" or hut.  
A nice little house <sup>at Tanigunga</sup> has lately fallen  
into Mother's hands owing to the  
man not being able to pay up.  
There is a lovely view from it. It



is just the spot I would choose  
to end my days in. if I had £200  
a year - overlooking the Harbour  
it wants renovating a bit - these  
wooden houses so soon get out  
of condition if not constantly at-  
tended to - so Tom & Mr Besh have  
been storing these overhanging  
things a bit - they will go over  
again this week & not come back  
till they have finished what is im-  
mediately necessary to be done &  
then put it into the agents hands  
for letting. I hope they will not be  
long away for we feel utterly  
helpless with no men here - they  
are going up to the bush tomor-  
row for firewood - so as to leave  
us well supplied - we burn  
a lot now it is so cold - Pigeons  
are now just in perfection - Mr  
Besh has shot several to day  
we had a pigeon<sup>ie</sup> - very good - such an



a couple of leanties hanging ready  
for another pie - for the "men" to  
take into Samraha with them  
poor things they have to rough  
it dreadfully - no comforts of  
any kind - but they seem to en-  
joy themselves pretty well not-  
withstanding their hardships.  
I am sorry to tell you that Mrs.  
Willmott - one of our dearest neigh-  
bours is very ill - I have often men-  
tioned her - she used to play for  
us at the Hall - she has been suf-  
fering dreadfully with a scapula  
in the month - she has been up to  
Buckland to consult with the  
Irish Drs there - they all said  
she must have all her teeth out  
as they feared Cancer - the poor  
thing underwent the operation  
under chloroform & had 22 teeth  
drawn - she has returned home  
& has been very ill since - Mother &



of. called on her the other day &  
found her much depressed. But the  
Dr. at Lawrencean speaks more  
hopefully of her case. He has by  
two sisters with this fearful com-  
plaint so that it makes them  
very anxious & kind hearted  
help very kindly to me.  
He talks of leaving the place &  
living in Buckland if he can  
realize what he has planned. If  
they have a nice house. There their  
land mostly under cultivation  
I believe he wants to work for her  
acre & I doubt if this will pay  
him. He has a brother lately  
settled in Buckland as a geo-  
grapher who is doing well  
she may join him. I do not  
at all like losing our neighbors  
to being here having from various  
causes so that others will reap  
the fruits of their labors.



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Le Puke

June 15<sup>th</sup> / 83

My dearest Fred

I continue my epis-  
tle to you - as I see by my box  
it is your turn - first I will  
thank you for usual batch of  
"Times" which arrived safely  
last mail - a most glorious  
day brilliant sunshine & clear  
sky every where - you might  
think it was a July day in  
England yet we had quite  
a hard frost last night -  
Our men are gone up to the  
bank for firewood & poles for  
putting up a stable for our  
horse & his Bests - Tom has just  
brought down one load with  
Freddy - The children begged of  
school today to help father  
& they can load up the dray &  
take - I pull out a few logs from



the debris so I consented - I hope  
you are getting on as well as  
you deserve them - Ed does not  
tell us much of you in her last  
but your last letter was highly  
satisfying - I suppose things  
were in rather a depressed  
state when you last wrote, so  
that all fear of war has disap-  
peared I hope trade may look  
up a bit - Tradespeople are all  
on the grumble out here just  
as in England, no ready money  
to be had - it is all done by  
exchange charter - you part with  
your butter eggs for groceries you  
part with your blubber for  
you get hay for helping people  
make there so you go on - just  
as in the days of our early days  
as time goes on things may be  
different the colony is very young  
at present - In Saturday a Maori



suddenly appeared at the window  
with a large box for me - which  
I posted for breakfast very good.  
we like to encourage the grocer  
trade as it makes such a pleasant  
change - whether things are  
so good here as usual.  
there is nothing for more to do  
than one can get through in a  
look day - & as time & labor seems  
to increase - Mr. East is in  
some time is improving our  
gully at the back of our houses  
he is making a second road  
below our present one, which is  
deeper & deeper - I did suggest that  
might easily grow & I really  
think the might almost try  
it as if Mother would offer a  
reward for rescuer her, which  
idea is it not? We are trying  
to make the place look attractive  
as we can so that if at any time



we wanted to clear out & we might  
get more for the place. It is  
getting such a good name that  
it is more than likely the land  
will be sold at a high price. Mr.  
McDonald the civil engineer  
from England who has come out  
to take bearings for our railway  
says he has never seen better land  
anywhere. I have just come  
down with another load & have  
been helping him so that my  
hand is rather shaky. I now  
must see about the things  
I should be planting and those  
I shall - I should potatoes - manna  
& peach (id) & I should like  
"Gambusia" does it not? I am  
red peaches are plentiful you  
would not know them from  
fresh fish & oil - He still has a  
great many last season's stock  
than others. I am sure - Well I am



My dear  
Edward, also  
Carrie, and  
to Cousin Ed  
Mabel Hooper  
when thou  
sits him  
and in much  
dear love to  
myself I repeat  
main the  
affectionate  
I am  
H. Watson

for the NY letters, also for  
the stamps, which were  
very acceptable, for I was  
in want of material to go on  
with, and sometimes like  
to send for something for tea  
I sent for some Fresh Beer  
rings as they are very plentiful  
just not  $\frac{1}{2}$  a piece, and had  
one for tea yesterday, and  
one for breakfast this morning.



I am glad thou hast had a  
change to the sea side, I remem-  
ber Margate very well, I hope it  
will prove ~~the~~ up for the winter,  
I remember thy Merrett was always  
a weak part, and the bad quin-  
cy's thou hast before thou married,  
I was also glad to hear Fred<sup>r</sup>  
hast taken a holiday, he must  
require a change as he sticks  
so close to business, and it will  
<sup>do</sup> him good, for she has been  
very closely confined with I  
Presby, I was pleased to receive  
a few lines from her this  
morning, they seem to be enjoy-  
ing themselves, I thought that  
as she was not very strong that



a situation as companion  
would suit her better than a  
Housekeeper, but she thinks  
she is more fitted for the latter.  
The day after I received thy  
letter I heard from Caroline  
she mentioned that Aunt Mary's  
House was to be sold on the 2<sup>d</sup>.  
I miss her kind letters very much  
also her occasional gifts of 5/-.  
I am glad Ellen sent Anna  
Mary "The Graffick" and that  
A.M. is going to send thee a box  
it will seem to shorten the distance  
when you receive any thing.

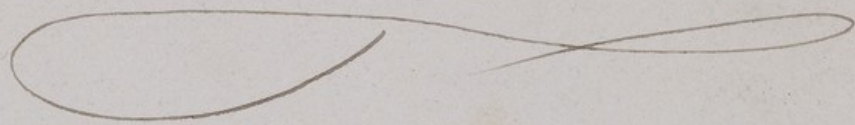
Our lady companion Miss Fel-  
gate is very kind to me, and  
sometimes when I wake up from  
a nap after dinner I find a  
nice pear, or something tempting



but beside me, she also lends  
me books. Caroline mentions  
that cousin A has had fits, I  
was very sorry to hear it, Emily  
says she has had a very poor  
account of Cousin T. Knight  
that she is confined to her bed,  
we are all getting on in life, and  
many of our recreations and friends  
a passing way, but I always <sup>think</sup> that  
you had more energy than  
most of us. Mary says she gave  
6<sup>d</sup> for a fish which was a very  
little, but I expect the poor  
natives do not often get their penny  
worth for their penny. Please  
do not be so long in writing to  
me again, and when you  
have any letters to read



Mrs Bale,  
89 Tottenham Court Road,  
London, W.







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Reprint  $\frac{1}{2}$ / $\frac{1}{20}$  —

My dear Ellen, I received  
the 1/6 thou so kindly  
sent me, for which I was  
much in debt, but am  
sorry to say I never re-  
ceived the 2/6 thou men-  
tioned, I cannot think  
how it has been, but do  
not remember any other  
mistake of that sort before.



I am very sorry about it.  
I am thankful to say  
my leg is much better  
and I hope now to be  
up more than I have been,  
but the Drs do not wish  
me to use it much at  
present. Dr. Baker goes  
for his holiday on the 25,  
I am glad thou art en-  
joying thyself, I am sure  
thou must need a change.  
Give my dear love to



booklet. Caroline, and Emily  
when thou sees them  
and ask the former  
to send me a little  
money, as I often send  
for little things I used  
not to when I was well  
and it will save my  
writing again just at  
present. I quite hope  
thou will think of  
paying me a visit  
when thou gets back




to Schworth for I do  
not seem to have any  
thing to look forward  
to now, I have not  
heard any thing of  
Edward for a long time  
I'm much dear love, and  
hoping thou will enjoy  
thy visit to Southport,  
I remain dear Ellen  
thy affectionate sister  
Ann L. Watson

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Miss Ellen Watson,

Miss Gilmore,  
Bath Road,  
Banbury,  
Oxfordshire,  




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Retreat July 3<sup>rd</sup>

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My dear Ellen, As I suppose  
it is the holidays, I  
thought I would write  
and ask thee whether  
thou wast coming to  
see thy poor Sister, or  
whether thou wast going  
to miss, as thou didst  
last summer. I suppose  
thou hast heard that,



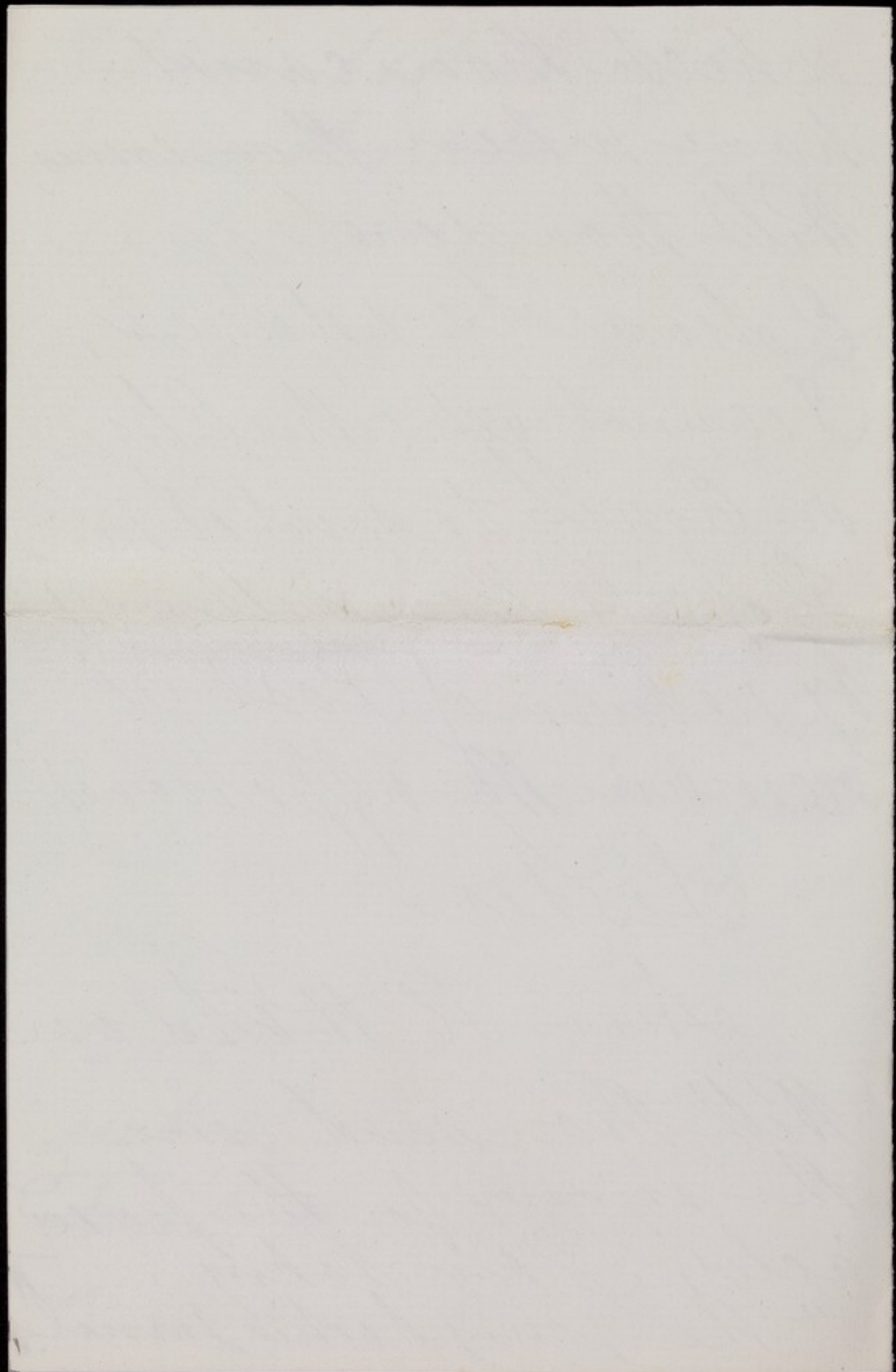
I have had carceps  
in my leg, which is not  
well yet, so I am  
obliged to lie in bed  
more than I like, and of  
course cannot go to  
Scarbro', but if there  
couldst come and spend  
a day with me, it would  
cheer my lot a little, of  
course write to Dr  
Baker, and all that  
sort of thing. I have  
killed the a Kell Hole  
or from the gun



which thou canst  
have when thou comes,  
Will thou send me  
Edwards address,  
I cannot get either Eliza  
or Emily to send it me.  
 Hoping thou will write  
by return of Post I  
remain thy affectional  
Sister

Ann L. Watson  
Will thou send me  
the money for the period  
icals, I am taking,  
"The Young Ladies Journal"







Miss Ellen Watson,  
Ackworth School,  
in Pontefract,

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Belmont July 14

My dear Sister  
I  
am surprised not  
to have heard from  
thee by this time,  
say when thou art  
coming. I am much



obliged for Post card,  
The weather is now  
so lovely I should  
think thou wouldst  
enjoy coming to York,  
as the day is being  
made. I feel

Edward has not  
moved. Please  
write me a line

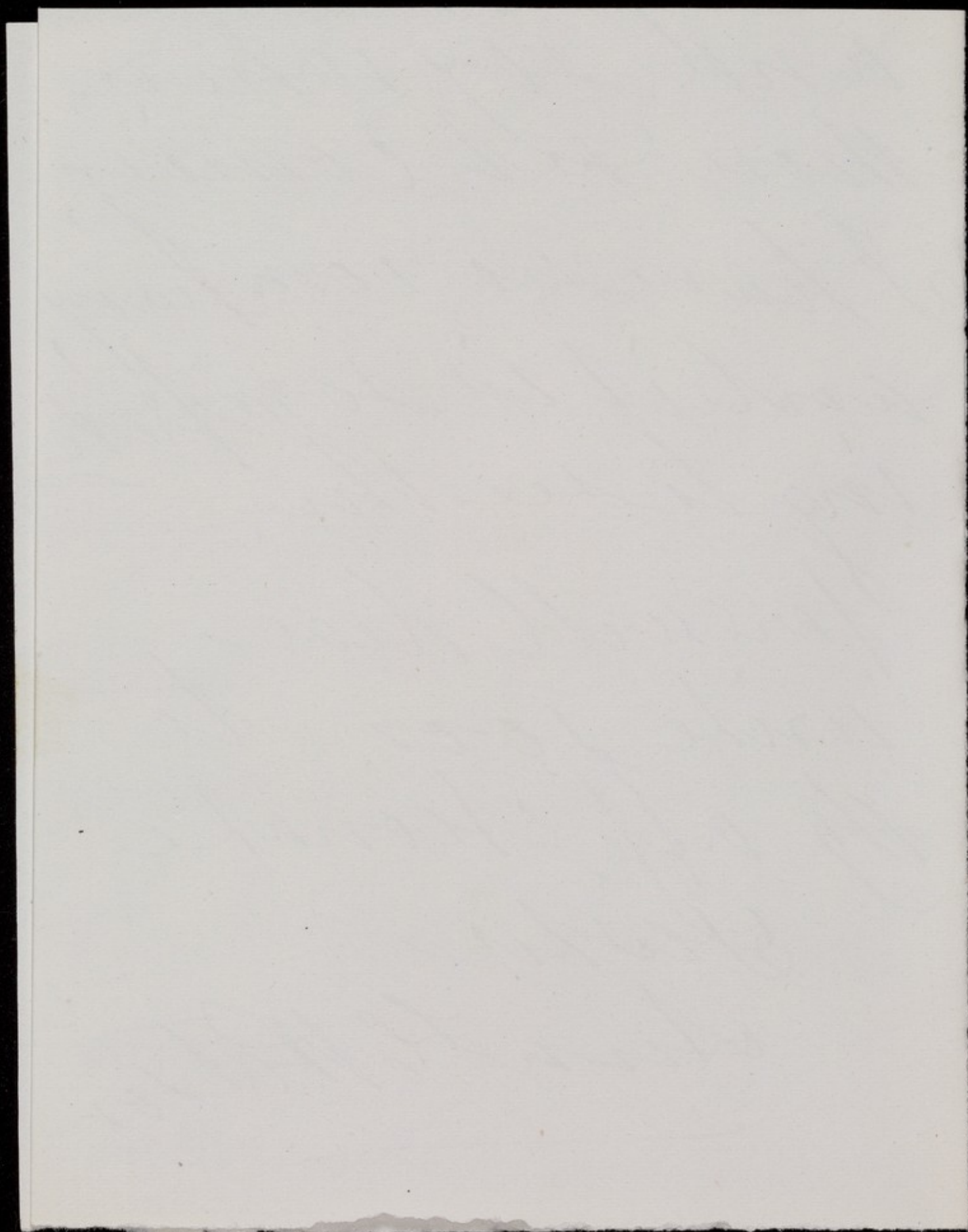


and say when  
thou art coming,  
I have no company  
and it is so refresh-  
ing to see thee.


Farewell dear  
write soon to  
thy affectionate  
sister  
Ann L. Watson

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Miss Ellen Watton,  
Ackworth School,  
nr Pontefract,  




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Mr Edward Watton,  
15 Luxor Street  
Cold Harbour Lane  
Carnherne,  
London,

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My dear  
Lorena  
I hope, and I  
myself, I  
remark  
my attraction  
Lillian  
Sweet Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 85  
W. H. W.

I was much  
pleased to receive  
also those enclosed but was  
very sorry to find cousin Sophia  
might was so it is doubt  
the music volume of Roshier,  
as no doubt they will as well  
as Omb. I have sent the  
cannot be a musical monitor,  
instead of the one I thought  
to have received. I shall not  
want it. I hope I shall  
be able to send it to you  
soon. I am  
very  
truly  
yours  
W. H. W.



they are sadly careless in  
the office about sending  
things. Dr Baker tells me  
Cruik has put an advertise-  
ment in the "Friend" for  
this month, but I have  
not yet seen it. Last sixth  
day Dr B brought William  
Westlake, and his daughter  
to see me, they came to see a  
lady who is here, and I think  
are traveling about, as they  
said it would be a week  
before they returned to Southam-  
ton. I think it must be  
pleasant having Joseph Henry  
so near, I do not wonder at



thy not moving, for it must  
be pleasant getting into the  
quiet, after the noise of the  
city. What is Joseph Henry  
doing in the way of business?  
do not forget to tell me  
when thou writes. I am  
sorry thou hast had a cold  
hanging about thee. I have  
had one, and it often makes  
you feel depressed, thou must  
try and get rid of it. Miss Fel-  
gate, our lady companion,  
whose cousin has just come  
from a voyage, has brought  
her a beautiful Parrot, she  
has had one for some time



but when she took the new  
one into the dining room, where  
the old one was, the old one  
looked at the new one for  
a few minutes, and fell  
dead off its perch, one think  
in a fit of jealousy. My leg  
I am thankful to say is  
now quite well, but I am  
not feeling so well as I  
did before it was bad,  
I wonder if it would be too  
much to ask thee to send me  
a little box of Saveloy's,  
we cannot get them in York,  
and they would be so nice  
for tea, as they do not want  
cooking, and parcels can be



I wonder  
Ellen does  
not write  
and tell me  
when she  
is coming  
Retreat July 10<sup>th</sup> 85  
Aunt R.

My dear Brother

Having  
read "The Annual Monitor"  
which C. J. Dinsdale sent  
me on New yrs day,  
I send it to thee, and  
hope thou wilt enjoy  
reading it as much as  
I have done. Where art  
thou going to spend thy  
midsummer holidays?



I am not well enough  
to go to Scarbro this year  
but I am rather better  
still my leg is not well.  
The Hay Smells very  
sweet, I suppose you  
have yours all over by  
this time. Write soon  
to your affectionate  
Sister

Ann L. Patton

Tell me any particulars  
thou canst about Aunt  
Mays death. Write soon.



Mr Watson,  
15 Luxor Street,  
Gold Harbour Lane  
Camberwell,  
in London,



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