

in which we lived &
my was as happy
with dear Mother,

I am so glad to
hear how well Papa
has been, & hope
you have been the
same. With
fondest love

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Waverly Hotel
Muscorie,
India

The whole
family
Ever your
affectionate
daughter

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Ralph sent me a most
witty letter from Pappa to
read yesterday, chiefly relating
the wild scenes & final departure
of Lytton's book! I could
picture everything, & felt quite
as if I'd been in the thick of it
myself! First of all I must
tell you of the great improvement
in Baby. He has come quite
round to his own little loving
bright, merry self, & I no longer

feel in the depths of despair about
him. I hear that among the other
nurses up here it was well known
that nurse used to drugg him!!!

For know everybody told me
how frightfully quiet & solemn
Baby had got when I came up,
& that he never played about or
smiled, or took any notice of
people when they spoke to him,
just hung his head down & kept
perfectly quiet. And I can't
help thinking that the story is
true, & accounts for those extraordinary
screaming fits that he used to
have for apparently no reason
at all!! They lasted for about
3 weeks, gradually getting less &

more like natural screaming until
now he never cries at all, &
is like what he has always been
bright & happy, always laughing
& singing & as happy as the
day is long. Poor little creature
it nearly breaks my heart when I think
of what he must have gone through
for nearly two months, & I have quite
made up my mind never to leave
him again until he is six or seven
years old & in a way able to take
care of himself. He is looking just
splendid now, & getting so like you.
Ben. has always said he was
like you, & he really is, I fully
expect he will be the image of
Uncle Trevor when he grows up.
Ralph is to "make over" to

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Mr. Lorie as soon as he arrives
& then is coming up here for a
good three weeks about the 15th of
October, when we will all return
to Allahabad together! L is so
delighted about it, because it is
beautifully cold up here now, &
the change is long enough to do
him real good, & then when we go
down it will be quite the cold
weather in Allahabad, & he will
be well set up to help his through
the coming hot season. I hear he
"is looking awfully fit & well" for
friends who have just seen him.

Fancy your being so near to dear
old Bedford. I do hope Pippa will
have the energy to go over it some day
& see the huge school where I used to
go every day, & where alas I failed to
gain much knowledge, & see the house