

Will you stamp the  
envelope and post it. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>/80. 5576

My Dearest. I had your letter last Friday,  
sent on from Aunt Susan's. It is very  
amusing that you did not have my  
letter and the papers. I sent the Home and  
News, and the Times, Daily Chronicle,  
Standard, and Daily News of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.  
The letter and papers were address to you  
"passenger by outward mail of Oct 18<sup>th</sup>  
M. D. Mongolia & Bohara Brindisi".  
We posted them ourselves, so we know  
they were right at this end. I wrote to  
Aida for her birthday on Friday and  
sent her a little brooch of Gipsy work.  
I have sent Mrs Boddy the book, and  
last mail I sent you and Mr Ketic-  
son a copy each of Pussie, which I  
registered, as I did not want them to  
go the way of Badger. Yesterday the  
children had quite a little party,  
three of Mrs Joseph's children and  
Colonel Head's two little boys. They seemed  
to have a very happy time together, from  
three until seven, though Mamma  
and I were rather tired out the last.  
We have been busy making new

underclothing for the winter. I will  
let a fashionable tailor run out  
of that Indian puttoo, down to his  
feet, and delightfully warm. He  
looks quite a little man when he  
turns out to school. The children all  
enjoy their school very much. It is  
quite different from the old times  
when their lessons seemed such an  
intelligible burden to them.

Lilian does a great deal of lying down  
now, as I find that is the only way  
of correcting the pressing tendency to  
lean over on one side. She tries very  
hard to hold herself up, but of course  
she often fails. They are all very  
well and bright. I think I told you  
last week we were going to have a bath  
fixed in the closet, and I am having  
the gas carried to the grate in my  
little room, and asbestos laid, to  
save the trouble and dust of fire  
in the room. Miss Carey, gave it in  
their room, and I think Tom has  
it too, in room of his. The children

are going to Mrs Joseph's next Friday, to  
keep the children there to eat Beauty and  
the Beast. Mabel is to be Beauty. Mary  
Catherine and I are going to dine in  
the evening, and I think the sitting is  
to be afterwards. I am very glad you  
have had such a pleasant voyage so far,  
and it could not be tedious either,  
the time being so broken up by changes.  
Remember me to Miss Sparkie. It  
would make a great difference to your  
comfort, having so many friends  
on board. I have had two or three letters  
from David and Mrs Walter. I hope Mabel  
and I will be able to go there in the  
spring. It will be a famous treat for  
Mabel, and I am sure Mrs Walter  
will enjoy the element of young life  
in the house. She seems to have no  
children amongst her acquaintances.  
They are very kindhearted people. I  
am writing to Mrs Waterfield today.  
I have written time to Miss Robinson.  
I think Frederick would be a very  
lively place for her, as she wishes to con-  
tinue sea air, tolerably cheap living.

and good educational opportunities.  
I have suggested the place to her.  
I am sorry about her paintings. I  
wonder where they are in England.  
If I knew, I would write to Mrs. Pinter  
Mamma and the children send  
their love. Noel is busy dressing a  
ship now. He has been at it all the  
afternoon. He takes quite a pride  
in keeping his little bedroom in order  
and having his pretty things set about.  
I went in one morning, and found  
him busy reading his prayer book.  
I think Althea and Rilda are coming  
to see me in the spring. I have sent  
them word as I have had your letter.  
Mamma has got to his new quarters  
at last. I wish you could see your  
dear one, it is flooded and shelved  
with apples. I was all yesterday  
morning wrapping some of the best  
kinds in paper and laying them  
separately. They will keep until long  
after Christmas. When you come  
again you must have the schoolroom  
for your dear ones.  
Ever your loving  
E. J.