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THE COTTAGE,
THE INDUSTRIAL FARM COLONY,
DUXHURST, REIGATE.

My dear Mrs Harvey

I so thoroughly understand your letter. It must be difficult for you to grasp the whole inside of this question. I do not think Miss Price will go wrong. I think her health is in a very shaky condition, and she wants a long rest; in order to enable her to do this I have given her 3 months' salary, and 3 months' board, part of which I have paid her myself, as I think this is her best chance. I think she ought to be with children again, but somewhere where she is well observed. Things have not been going well here. I have a great deal I could tell you which has been all very painful, and we have been going through very troublous times. I have now here 6 weeks, and of course when you live on a place, there are many things that come to your knowledge of which you had not the slightest idea before, and some day when I have the happiness of seeing you again, I will have a long talk with you which I think will explain matters a great deal. In the meanwhile, for Miss Price's sake I should like you and Mary to know nothing of what I have written you. But I felt I must tell you because I would rather you knew my reasons for parting with her. The children are very happy and have not shown the very slightest symptom of grief. Whether that is childish ingratitude I cannot tell. I must add that I think her devotion to the Baby Joan was a beautiful thing, and so long as they were quite little I think she was excellent with them, although of course no one is responsible for what they do under the influence of drink.

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We have of course great responsibility in the fact that many of our girls now are over 12 years old, and are keenly observant, and I do not feel it would be right to sacrifice young lives which have got everything before them, even for the sake of one who has gone or may go astray. I always feel that children with a future before them are a sacred charge.

With love to Mary, believe me, dear Mrs Harvey

Yours affectionately,

Fabell Somers

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