

'Gugcot'
New Milton

Hants

Sept 9th

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Dear Mrs Bentinck

I have been waiting
for Mr Candy's answer be-
fore writing to you. This
morning it came. "He
is not aware that the
owner is offering the Tower
for tenancy, but will
enquire and let me know."

This seems to contradict

the story of the two ladies
who were on the verge of
combining their folly with
the folly of the edifice.

I make a guess that an
further increase the five
shillings a month will turn
into pounds.

A tyranny of four children,
mad with nakedness and
open air, has descended upon
me since my return: and
I bathe strenuously twice
a day in consequence, and
am let out of the water

am made to run barefoot
on shingle that bites. All
very good for me, but as
painful as purgatory.

My sister's return to-day will
rescue me back to civilization
I hope.

They tell me here that I
am looking "very well and
fat", - which is partly your
doing. I enjoyed my
week-end with you so
much, from meditation in
the garden to trespassing on
Bonded property, and teaching

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your daughter to come up to
six in the evening. I enclose
a reminder of the sitting
of the board which she has
probably forgotten. Please keep
her exercised; the 'chartered
accountant' side of her mind
appeals to me, and is worth
cultivating.

With greetings to you all

Always sincerely yours

Lawrence Housman