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The Hollies, March 13th/84.

My dear Mother,

I have a stupid head-
ache today, so I shall not be able to
write much of a letter but I can tell you
one good thing, that mamma seems
much better, and so a pressing anxiety
is for the present removed. Of course
there is always a certain anxiety con-
cerning her, but it was very much
greater last week. We had our last
Puritan reading yesterday. Besides
the usual members, Mrs Jennings
-son came. She said she enjoyed
it very much. We have seen a good
deal of them both lately. I have just
come from Mrs Beers, where Mrs
Jennings has been reading The
Northern Farmer, The Invoices
and Note d'Arthur. The last he
read very beautifully. There is
something pleasant and tender
and humorous about him. I
could soon find quite at home
with him. I must tell you one

thing that will make you laugh. I was
sitting talking to Mrs Jennings and
he came up and said something to
her which made me smile as I looked
up and met his eyes. He said to
her "Who is that young lady who is
laughing at me." !!! You may be
sure I had my veil down and also
my bonnet was on which did not
show much of my hair.

Your letter was such a delight to us.
Mrs. I wish I had been with you when
you went on shore at Lucknow. I
would have made a magazine article
out of it at the very least. Fanny knows
trials of coral. He are very curious
to see the pieces you have brought.
You would not be so very much
behind your time after all at Bom-
bay. I hope long before now you are
happily settled down to work again.
I have now practically finished the
copying out of my story. I have only
two days more work. It has only been
copying, which makes a great difference

I was composing it last year at this
time. I have had a very nice letter
from Ernest. He is to come and see
us in July. He proposed that time
himself. From his letter I feel quite
prepared to love him. Heol seems
to be on very well at school. It is
quite pleasant to see his interest
in his lessons. He is always bright
and cheerful over them. He has
quite got over his feverish attack
of last week. Filian and Isabel
are very well. They will be confirmed
on the 24th. They are full of work now.
For there are the confirmation
services in addition to the
school preparation. Mamma
wants to come to you. She was so much
interested in hearing your letter
read. Many people enquire after
you. Dr. Kayser, Candor people Mrs.
Owen, Mrs. Harris &c so you are
not forgotten. Mrs. I must give over
and go to bed.

Give your loving Eps.