

My dear  
dear  
and affectionate  
to you

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My dear Husband

So it is settled that you do not go to Burnside. Well, I have no doubt it is for the best, though one has a sort of half defined feeling of injustice at the thought of the manner in which the promotion has escaped you. Still the fact that all has been done for, and not by you, is a great relief, and most likely, in the end, this result will prove to be the best. Evidently you do need rest, and it will be a blessing for all of us when you can have it. I should have some hope that you may have some years of quiet work at home, and not like Mrs Brounhead, not until it is too late to rest. I had a letter from Mrs Brounhead this week. Since January she has lost two sisters. It has been a sad year for her. About your coming home and our going anywhere together no plans can be made for me. Whilst my mother lives, I must stay here. Last Sunday, she had another serious attack, similar to the one just before Christmas. Either Hil. & I are always with her now, day and night. & Harriet

can only say what he said before, that the  
end may come any time, or that with  
his good constitution, he may gather  
up for a while again. I was in the  
garden with the children on Sunday  
morning when Esther came to tell me  
Mamma did not seem so well. I  
hurried up and found her fainting.  
I always have the medicine at hand  
and Esther brought hot bottles, and I  
sent for Mil. I have no doubt if I had  
not been within reach there, she would  
have passed away, for all depends on  
using the remedies at once. She was  
unable to speak for some hours, but  
gradually came round again,  
though she is very feeble now. He thought  
at first, that Lillian's going to Paris on  
Monday would have to be deferred.  
Mamma's Dr Harnes says it is a pity  
not to carry out our intentions,  
so Mil will take her, but instead of  
staying the night in London they  
will travel straight on, and Mil after  
placing her with Mlle Tallon will come  
home at once. She did intend to spend  
a few days in Paris. I would never  
keep Lillian at home to help me to the

detriment of her own advantage. For  
though I know you would justify me,  
there are others who would be ready enough  
to pass judgment. I think she will be  
very happy with Mlle Tallon. Her address  
is 9. Rue Brunel. Avenue de la  
grande Armée. Paris. Dr Harnes  
says the heart is open, high, airy and  
beautiful. About your leave, what  
can you do in July and August with  
it. It would scarcely be safe to travel  
anywhere then on account of the heat.  
Ray do not stay on that ground floor  
longer than is right or prudent. There  
is no need to let a few rupees stand  
in the way of health. Shall you be home  
now by Christmas. You must just make  
all your plans as you feel will  
be best for yourself, for you know I can  
not go anywhere for more than a few  
days now, and indeed the chances  
are that I shall not be even able to  
do that, as Mamma's health declines.  
I am so thankful we had made our  
visit to Cleveland, for that set the children  
up and did me good too. I should  
have felt very pained if Mamma  
had had this breath on whilst I was

away. He was all right when I came home  
and all had gone on smoothly.

Those letters are very plain and sensible.  
When you get away to school, will be  
the time to give them to him. I think  
he is now thoroughly upright, noble  
and honourable. I have received  
the £50 from the India Office. It has  
come very opportunely for Maria's  
Paris expenses. If the Bishop says he  
cannot give up his claim upon you,  
Mr. de la Meunier means to let you come home.  
Surely he does not mean to throw

difficulties in the way of that. He is  
jealous himself kindly, but I cannot  
help thinking he is narrow minded.

I am very busy getting all Maria's  
things ready. I am sure she will do  
her utmost to learn what she can of  
French in the short time we are able to  
give her. I hope Aletta, who intends to be  
in Paris whilst she is there, will not take  
up her time unnecessarily, as it is of  
the first importance for her to be with  
Mlle Tallon, learning real French.

Much love from us all. In the midst of all  
these anxieties and difficulties, I cannot  
cite a little vessel battling with the waves,  
but keeping its head towards the port still.  
I hope I shall see her at last. Your loving Sp.

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