

De Hollies. Sept. 17th /85.

My dear Husband,

I had your letter on Monday, and am very thankful you keep well. I hope by this time you are having a holiday in Dargeling, as that will be a relief from the damp heat. As the Bishop is keeping you beyond your time, he certainly ought to do all he can for you in the way of rest. I am sorry Noel's birth certificate cannot be found, for I think it is of importance in regard to entrance for the scholarship. The baptismal certificate does not verify age, and that is the great matter, as the severity of the examination varies according to even a few months more or less of age. Absence is made for those who are barely thirteen, as Noel will be when he enters for the scholarship in November. Hope you will still be able to find it, or if the birth was not registered, perhaps Dr. Kayser, or another medical man, would give his written testimony. Noel and Carr

(The latter considered the best English
soldar in the school) were exactly
white in their marks for the holiday
task, so they are to have a prize each.
It has not been given yet. Had certainly
nots well, and with a good heart.

Ilhan and Mabel are studying for the
bours in a morning. There is to be
a course of lectures here shortly, in
connection with the Cambridge
Local Exam., and they will join
it. There are ten lectures, the subject
probably Ancient or Modern History,
notes are taken by the girls, and their
certificates given by the lecturer ac-
cording to merit. Now Mabel tries
she can take very good notes of a
lecture. I have been very busy
all this week with a deepmoter for
them. They are having three new
dresses each, and made in a
style more befitting their years.
They are both now quite womanly
looking. I am having another
portrait taken at Mary's. We are

going there this morning about it.
In the first, Mabel's face was lovely,
but Ilhan's did not do her justice.
She must try in a different position.
I should like to have some smaller
ones printed, carte size. I was quite
struck by the great beauty of Mabel's
features, as they came out in the
photograph. Ilhan's charm is in
the simplicity and sincerity and
dignity of her expression. She is
very helpful to me, and is, I think,
very happy in her home life.

The improvements in the garden
are now complete. It looks quite
a different place. It has cost £3.12.
just 2/ more than I expected. The new
rookery has cost £2.5 of that; the
remainder has been spent upon
the enlargement of the tennis lawn,
which is now nearly the full size.
so the children will be able to have a
good game upon it. We have had
to sacrifice three posberry trees,

all the others have been transplanted.
We have a great quantity of fruit this
year. The pear trees have never borne
so well before. The late winds have
blown down a great many, so I have
been giving them away in all
directions. Mrs Pears has most
kindly asked Lillian to go there once
a week for French conversation and
reading. Mrs Joseph will go too. It
will be a great advantage for them,
as Mrs Pears speaks the language
so perfectly. Lillian and I went last
week to hear the "Elijah" at Hereford.
Mrs Devas gave me tickets. It was
a great treat. Perhaps, if all is well,
you will take Mabel and Noel next
year to Gloucester, as the Festival
will be held there then. When you see
Mr Carter, remember me to him.
I think with much gratitude of
all his thoughtful kindness to me,
and I wish him much happiness
in his marriage. My mother
desires to love to you.

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Your loving
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