

Yottery ~~House~~

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My dear Miss Yotter

I just send a few lines  
with Mrs Stephenson's letter to wish  
you many happy returns of the Day.  
I do not know whether they will  
reach you by the 16<sup>th</sup> but hope they  
will do so near enough for  
birthday greetings not to be entirely  
out of place. You must be having  
a very pleasant time in Switzer-  
land. How delighted we should  
be if, sometime when you come  
home, you would give us a visit.  
This air, I am so thankful to tell  
you seems to suit Mrs Stephenson



beautifully; she seems stronger  
already and certainly sleeps better.  
I daresay she has told you all  
about the little cottage arrange-  
ment. Is it not delightful? I  
am so overjoyed about it that  
I can hardly think about  
anything else. It is just at the  
bottom of our yard and only  
about two minutes walk from  
our house, which Mrs. Stephenson  
must consider as hers too, & be  
popping in at every hour.  
And when the children come,  
what <sup>div</sup> exhibitions and fun we  
shall have together. I wish

you could have been here as well.  
I cannot thank you enough for  
that little suggestion you sent  
me before I went to Malvern.  
I was only too rejoiced to find  
that Mrs. Stephenson could  
make up her mind to leave  
for when we asked her to come  
in the spring, she seemed so  
little disposed to go out at all  
that I felt it would be kinder  
not to press her visit to us  
until later. Until your letter  
came, I looked upon her coming  
home with me, as a thing



quite too good to be realised.  
She certainly needed a change  
and not sadly and I was  
pained to see her looking so  
worn and thin but if you  
saw her now I think you would  
say there is an improvement.  
By the time you come home,  
I expect you will find us all  
accomplished spinsters! We have  
secured a teacher and some place  
but that important element  
the school has not yet arrived.  
We look for it by every train.  
Now I will say good-bye, and  
with much love, believe me,  
Dear Miss Yalon, yours very affectionately  
Mary E. Johnson.