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My dear Mary Catherine,

See afternoon

post has just brought your letter and the "Century", and I will set off a letter at once to the Dearms address. Hilian and Mabel would write, but they have been hard at work all day picking daemons. Our trees are laden; so are everyone else's, so that we cannot sell them at a price which pays for gathering. I have sent Mrs. Reed a quantity, and tomorrow I will send a hamper full to Aunt Susan, who has got back to N. Hill. You will be pained to hear of the trouble Mrs. Reed has had. That young nephew whom you met, who was engaged to a sister of Miss Beaminster, has been found dead in a railway tunnel near Pantheon, and according to the papers it is a case of suicide. He had been missing for a week, and there were advertisements in the papers

for him. The facts were only known
last Monday, and I have not seen
Mrs Rears since. I have had very in-
formation from Mr West, who has
seen her, but I will not write just yet.
It is best in such a case, not to offer
sympathy too soon by words. I am
very sorry for them all. It must
have been a time of such terrible strain.
He had long letters from Noel on
Wednesday. He seems to be going on
all right, though it is easy to see, through
his letters, that he has spells of great lone-
liness. However that was bound to be
so, sooner or later. He writes very
nicely. There is much in him
that will be developed now. The Paris
address is M^{lle} Tallou. 9. Rue Brunel
Cavenue de la penne Armee. Is it not
rather an expensive place for the
young girl. £10 a month. It was a
grand thing seeing the Staubach to
such perfection. John has begun his
regular work now for the S. V. G. and
will not be much at home until
Christmas. There was a meeting at the

Mill Lane schools on Tuesday evening
to which I went with him. Mr Gregory Smith
came up to me and said "Dear is Miss
Tabor returning." I told him probably
you would spend the winter in Italy,
and he said "Oh that is bad news." I dare
say he misses your help very much.
Last Friday a Mr Koldernup, a civilian
from the lines in Allahabad, came
to call, and yesterday he, his wife and
Mr West dined with us. He is a very
cultured man, his wife most
sweet and graceful, but with not
an idea that I could mention. Miss
Whittam came in to her. Esther leaves
about the 16. I have got a nice girl in her
place, who comes a day or two before, so
that she may be put into the way of her
work by Esther. Mary Sampett leaves on
the 14th. I shall not be sorry to have only
the two regiments. Ellie and Mary Joseph
are coming to see us after Christmas.
There was a letter for you from C. Smith
which I opened, only to say they had
received the transfer. There have not
been any other letters for you. John

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had a letter from a Scarborough clergyman asking him to take 3 months' duty there, from the end of October but of course I cannot. I wonder what will turn out for us. He will probably go on with the S.P.C.K. work for a year or so, I wish to avoid it anything which would keep us in this place, but we cannot tell. That house of Douglas Hall's is taken. The victors are coming to that which the Williams' have left. Mr B. never has let his cat last. Julian has had her melida dress made up at a shop in Malvern, and very nice she looks in it. Miss Gardner made her a brown hat to suit it. Miss 2. is a side note sensible girl, with a great amount of "faculty" and very little of the Yankee about her, but she did not excite my interest. Indeed very few people do. Mabel has got her hair turned up. Sometimes she looks perfectly lovely. Her hair often comes in, and he is there for music. It is a great benefit, his being here. John is at Kott's now, about his teeth. The girls send their love. Your affectionate E. J. Stephens.