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All this time there  
 may be better  
 than the other  
 one for me  
 and  
 I  
 don't  
 know  
 what  
 to  
 do  
 about  
 it  
 yet

Dear Husband,  
 You will be tired of  
 hearing about coughs, but really they  
 are the most important things just now.  
 Noel's has decidedly developed into  
 whooping cough, and Dr. Rogers says  
 the sooner we get away the better, as  
 neither he nor Mabel will shake off their  
 ailments until they have change of  
 air. So we are starting on Saturday,  
 instead of a fortnight later. Of course  
 I have not sent Noel to school since  
 I found what his cough is. He has  
 missed nearly three weeks this last term  
 which is a great pity. His cough is beginning  
 to make him look thin and poorly.  
 Mabel's does not affect her so much.  
 William has a bad cold too. I only hope  
 it will not turn out like the others.  
 I don't think I have ever been through  
 such a period of worry and anxiety  
 in my life before. The interruption of  
 school and lessons is such a serious  
 thing now. Mabel has not been to school  
 in fine weeks, but Miss Andrus attend



to be before when she comes home a  
week to the nurse. I think in prospect  
of the added expenses which I shall  
have in this journey to Liverpool with  
the children. Dr Kay's bill, and I think  
going to Paris, you had better send  
the April remittance, and miss  
May, June, July & August. By that  
time I shall be able to get the second  
half year's dividends from Mr Smith.  
I reckon that I think going to Paris  
will cost about £60, all of which  
must be paid before the end of July,  
so you see there are large demands  
upon me. Some of course there is  
I think sleep &c and they have had  
dancing lessons for the whole of this  
term. This much I think their edu-  
cation in that department. Miss, I think  
our friend near Lincoln, who came  
to stay with us last year, is coming  
again in June and has very kindly  
asked Mad and Mebel to go back with  
her for a long visit in their holidays.  
It will be a good thing for them, for  
they will get change of scene, and are

and fresh, free country life. I am  
sensible to get plenty of leisure for both  
of them, for time enough must waste  
them. I wish Mrs Goodwood had  
left her daughter at home instead of  
sending her to a dancing class, with  
such a disease upon her. It will cost  
us at least £20 to say nothing of the  
anxiety and loss of health, which no  
money can repay. I have had not a  
moment's freedom from care on  
the children's account for five years,  
they require constant watching and  
attention, and this, with the care  
which mamma requires, makes a  
heavy load. You may expect to see a  
worn out looking thing enough when  
you come home. I hope the affair  
of the Archdeaconry will settle itself  
soon. It would in many ways be a good  
thing for you if you feel that your health  
would stand the climate. I suppose you  
would have an increase of pay, with  
the increase of work and responsibility.  
It is strange that the late Mr Bishop  
does not give himself more interest  
about. In Mr Atkinson and Mr



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Crook's wife your better friend.  
 Remember me to Mrs. Cottonmore  
 if she is in London. Are either of her  
 daughters out now. I remember the  
 portrait of one of them, a very sweet  
 looking girl, also promised to be lovely.  
 Do you get good news of Mrs. Carter.  
 Why are you so against my coming  
 to India for a visit, on my account.  
 You need not fear my being eager  
 to come as a Chaplain's wife. I will  
 never do parish work again. In  
 that three years of Malabar I suf-  
 fered enough to have earned an  
 eternal exemption from such toil.  
 It stirred up all the bitterness that is  
 latent in my nature, it, or rather  
 Lady Stuart & Co. But I often think  
 of our feeling as a sort of barren of rest  
 there in our penitential, with nature  
 I might aim back to some sort of strength.  
 Besides you would never care to be  
 shut up with an ailing woman or  
 one who did not care for going out.  
 At the end of it would be that I should be  
 left to myself, and I had rather be that in  
 Switzerland than Switzerland. But enough