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A long interval has passed since I wrote the accompanying scrap, but they have glided away without daily and I may say hourly thoughts of you. The first week of the vacation was spent in setting all right both in schoolroom and House and I have a Photograph or two for you which will come in due time of the state of the front of our dining room, during the important time of cleaning.

Eliza posted her letter rather prematurely this afternoon.

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and I wonder she did not
think of delaying it until
the arrival of your interesting
friend Mrs E. Hancock, whom
we expected to-day - She has how-
ever arrived, the very original of
her portrait, and I have no
doubt we shall much enjoy
her company - She will
proceed eventually to Seabird
for a short time and as there
will be an excursion there
on, I think Monday next, it is
not unlikely we may all go
for the day - I think of going
to Duckington sometime
next week for a few days

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this, with the exception of Seabird
will be all the visiting I think
of making this month - The
Hop plants are growing super-
bly and I will send you
a photograph of their state
Mrs. Fillington as you are
aware is with us, and per-
haps Eliza has told you she
has discovered some incip-
ient fruit on the Mulberry
tree which quite escaped
our notice. By this post I
shall also send a parcel
of the Band of Hope and B. W.
for July, so you will have

quite an important arrival
I expect on Thursday at dinner
hour — I shall not forget to
thank you — I have painted
one half of my globe in oil and
have turned it over for the
the other part to-morrow. It
looks very nice and even, and
greatly enhances the appearance
of the school room — I have also
enlarged and re-arranged my
photographic developing box
which I think of taking with
me into Lincolnshire — The
remaining houses down to the
end of the play ground are
now half built and we shall

soon see the extent of the
misfortune — I have pretty
well determined to roof in
the end of the play ground by a
shate extending as far forward
as my Lathe Room. It may
be done at a moderate expense
and will thoroughly exclude
the view from the upper windows
of the houses and prevent the noise
of the play ground from being
heard — I shall build a brick
pillar just in the middle near
to the swing pole but behind it
to support a long beam from
my lathe room to the opposite
wall, and by a little contrivance

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form two arches, This will fall
in with the present mode of having
a covered playground, and I
have no doubt will be duly ap-
preciated by the boys. —

I was was thinking of surpris-
ing you by sending a copy
of the Gazette containing my
school address, but thought
it was scarcely worth it. —

The surprise I allude to would
arise from the latter part
of it containing an announce-
ment of "Preparing for pub-
lication. Land surveying for
Farmers, with observation on

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Leveling and the use of the drain
age Level" — It is yet in
Embryo but I have had the
plan and it will not be
either difficult to execute
or expensive in the publication
especially as I think of employing
Mr. Chapman for a printer
and it may be for me to
me in another way —
We have had a soaking rain here
all day and though only 7 o'clock
it is almost too dark to see
to write I am going now
to Mr. Burdick to see about
the Band of Hope & S. Labor