

Malvern Link, April 23rd 1881

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My dear Husband,

I am writing my letter in good time this week, as I am going over to Larkish on Tuesday, to stay until Thursday. Carrie will look after Maamma and the children in my absence, otherwise I could not have left home at all, as Maamma is not at all well again just now. Philipba and Norfolk leave tomorrow. Philipba has had a bad cold all the time she has been here, and is very quiet. I am sure this sudden life is not healthy for any of them, but one must not make oneself a judge for other people. Mabel's arm is going on all right. Dr. Hargnes says she may have the bandage off in a week, when she will begin to go to school again, but she will come to

Keep her arm in a sling for some
time, not that such a precaution
would be necessary for a person who
person but being a child she might
pret and use the arm too suddenly.
We have heard two or three times from
Filius. He is having a very happy time
in Nottingham. I go to meet her in
Bicester next Saturday, and then
on Monday they begin with their new
course, after a holiday of more than
a month. I hope they will all set to
work in real earnest. Noel did such
a pretty drawing yesterday. Both Philipp
and Carrie were quite surprised at
it. He was working away so quietly at
it all the evening. He is beginning to
have a notion of painting now. He
gets on nicely with his music too. The
thing he does most is spelling, which
is so important for a boy. I shall
ask Miss Andros to pay special at-
tention to him in that respect.

I hope I shall get your letter before
I start for Woburn, as I have not heard
from you for a fortnight now. Most
likely I shall have two letters at once.
I am afraid the servants are not
quite to be trusted about the postage.
I never go into the garden now with-
out wishing that you could be here,
for you would enjoy it so much.
The trees are just coming into leaf
and everything looks so green and
fresh. We are beginning to reap the
fruit of the care that was spent upon
it last year, and it is such a pleasure
having it quite private. My wild-
flower bank is coming on beau-
tifully. It will be quite a little picture
I hope, in the summer. I dig up all
the things from the hedgesides and
ditches about here and every little
leaf as it comes out, is a delight to me.
You remember the three trees which
Mrs. Buck gave to Noel when he was
at Shorney. One of them has two

children now, and great is the delight
of the children to watch the little things
picking about in the yard. He had
five last year, but they all died. These
seem more healthy. Mrs. that Lattie
is here, she takes Kelly out for long walks
every day, and the consequence is that
Mrs. Kelly's feet is decidedly diminishing.
She will soon be quite an elegant
little dog. Did I tell you I had given
notice for the withdrawal of the money
from the Cardiff Society. It should
be paid at the end of May, and then
I must get Clarence Smith to in-
vest it in something. I shall be
leaving soon from Murat and
Blackett about my new story.

I will take this with me to Northrop
and post it from there, and perhaps
I shall have time to add more. The
children and much love to Papa, you
need not be afraid of them ever for
killing you. Your loving &c

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Will you send this one to her Kill. I
have asked him to come and visit
us whilst he is home. I hope he will
stay with you on his way down and
so bring me the latest news of you.
And he will bring you news of us. I
love - Thursday. I have just had your nice long
letter. All that you say of your longing for us to be the
letter I can meet with a most hearty and unqualified
yes a regular big yes. So far as I am concerned, I do
not feel that passing older matters are any less true
and desire all that I ever desired in you. What I am
afraid of is that perhaps you will not care for a very
lained old friend like me when you come back.
But I know that as long as we both shall live I shall
be a loving wife to you. I often have very pleasant
conjugal dreams about you. Some of these days the
reality will come and then we could it will be to
both of us. I am sitting on with my son. I am
so in the spirit of it that I am scarcely let it go. It
will be a relief when it is over for the strain is great. I
like the story much. Please send me this review
back. I have not seen Mr. Knowlton, though he has
sent on the parcel from New Dully. Please thank
him for it, and tell him how useful the warm cuffs
will be to me next winter. I will write to her soon.
Now this must go to the post, so good bye, be good
long loving wife, in love from your wife E.P.

I have not got that money from the Indian
Office yet, but I have what I can do with for
time or for a better time now, so I am all right.
I am very glad you are pleased with my
statement of accounts. I am keeping them on
a better principle this year. Mamma's love

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Lend the list of Hymns and I will
teach the children to sing them. Praise
and Noel will sing well. I wonder
what is your scheme for self improvement.
I am quite sure of one thing, that if you
set yourself to it, you have will enough
to perform it. Will you find out,
and if possible let me know by return
of post if a Mr Chard, formerly
Chaplain of Fort Mifflin (in '76) has
returned to England and if so, where
he may be heard of. He was very good
to a young Mr Wash, son of a lady here,
and Mrs Wash is anxious to see him
and thank him. The young man died.
Your letter came this evening, with
one from Mrs Peterson and one from
Mr E. Hill. Mrs Peterson is very busily
expecting No. 3. will go to Malabarshwar
in March but Mr Peterson will not go
until April, so he will be ~~here~~ ^{at home} most
likely when you pass through. He said
he had received your letter but had
been very busy. I am so sorry
for Mr Lewis such ill health.
Am going to write to Mary this week
and tell her of your plans.

Books to bring home.

Have two or three old folios, which will
be safer here.

Frederick's Domestic Medicine.

Romer's Iliad & ~~Odyssey~~ for
Koch's and Lilius's benefit, the latter
beginning to take an interest in
classical literature.

Set old oil paintings which I brought
out with me.

An old edition of Dante, with etching
I believe I left one of my Bibles
behind, one with glass cover.

Have Treasuries of Geography &
History will be very useful for the
children.

I have found the Odyssey here

Over—

may put it, Trinity Sunday, same way
right of grace. In the king of the world

The Holy Trinity is one of the the world
mysteries of the church, which
we cannot understand.

Mystery comes from a word
meaning to mutter, secrets
being muttered or whispered
from one to another. Those
who knew the secret were
called mystics. We cannot
understand it, like taking
a short sighted person to
the top of the Malvern H. &
saying, there is Worcester,
Gloucester, &c. They could not
see all this without a tele-
scope. We cannot see the ani-
mals in a drop of water
without a microscope. So in
the same way, we cannot see

short of the best thing goes wrong

made it look as if it was all being done
by hand, but a lead is some way ~~about~~
the Godhead except with ^{out} ~~out~~

the Godhead except with ^{out} ~~out~~
out. & mic. That is: Faith.
It is necessary that we be-
lieve rightly, & accept & act
up to what we are told.
Illus. By, a fire broke out
at a school, all the children
produced great confusion
amongst the children,
who went rushing ^{about,} ~~about,~~
making a great noise.
But one little girl, whose
father was a fireman,
sat quite still, although very
frightened, until some one
came to her. When afterwards
praised for her conduct she
said her father had always
told her, to sit quite still
when there was a fire, and
wait till some one came to
her. Any one watching the
Kidderminster carpets being