

The Hollies.

Malvern L.

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Dear Father,

I have a lot of things I want to talk to <sup>you</sup> about when you come home. Letters are poor substitutes for talking.

Last Monday we went to see a beautiful picture of Sir Noel Paton. It is for exhibition in the Terrence gallery; Has Noel told you about the gallery? It is an exhibition of pictures in Malvern. Mother got a ticket for Noel, for she thought he would appreciate <sup>it almost</sup>. But as there was this picture of Sir Noel Paton to be seen Lillian & I went. I am very glad to have seen it, it is so beautiful. It is taken from Bunyan's "Pilgrim Progress," and called "The man with the Muck-Rake." In the foreground is a man holding a rake in his left hand, while

<sup>right</sup>  
his left is stretched out after  
some bubbles. His eyes are fixed  
upon something beyond, as if  
while clutching after the bubbles  
the glitter of some new bauble  
had caught his eye. He has a great  
sack on his shoulder, and at his  
side are sacks bags tightly tied &  
sealed, but out of which, at the  
bottom the money is beginning to  
force its way. Our Lord is at his  
side, laying his hand gently on  
his shoulder. But he will not heed.  
In the background is an angel  
the man's guardian angel  
her figure is dimly seen, but her  
face looks as if she were trying to  
suppress a sob.

In the front the man has raised  
together all sorts of things, a lady's  
fan, an unstrung needle &c. and  
you can see that they are just be-  
ginning to catch fire. Instead  
of these Christ is offering him  
a crown of thorns, the light that  
streams from it forms a cross, &  
stars of light are amongst the  
round the crown.

Sir H. Paton says it is the finest  
he has turned out of his studio.

Mr West has been here, you  
know, he went away yesterday.  
He is so kind, I like him very  
much.

We went to a lecture yesterday  
upon George III. There is going  
to be a course of lectures, deliver-  
ed by Mr. B. on, upon his reign.  
We are going to attend them all,  
and at the end there is going to  
be an examination, and certifi-  
cates given to those who pass.

At the end of each lecture the  
lecturer gives questions to be  
answered, and they are brought  
next time, (the answers I mean.)

I should like to get a certificate  
but I am afraid. The questions  
to be answered by next time are  
1. Character and strength of King  
party at accession of George III.  
2. Origin and progress of American  
discontents.

3. The King's ideas as to govern-  
-ment, and method of obtaining  
power.

Write the last one last.

I must say good-bye now, dear  
Papa, your ever loving child,

Mabel

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