

Filiana is delighted with your letter. I read it
aloud to Kemell. See Rollins. Jan. 14/85.

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My dear Husband,

This, my first letter
of the New Year, is to you. May the year bring
you peace and quiet from the scene of
duty, done. That is the most we can wish
for anyone your dearest and best. "Life
counts not hours by joys or pains, but
justly duties done." Mamma continues
much the same, quite free from pain
and uneasiness, but unable even to do
anything but lie still. However, she says
the days are not long to her and her mind
is clear and collected, though much of
its old vigour is clouded. She has had your
mother so much in her thoughts lately, &
spoken so beautifully of her long, faithful
friendship and of her noble qualities of
heart and mind. She sends her love to
you. I feel no ill effects yet from my brother's
night. Really, in a general way, I get as
much sleep as I ever did, though I am
up always twice and sometimes three
times in the night, to prepare hot puddings.
I find the gas fire in the room such
a comfort, steady, noiseless, and keeping
the air at an even temperature.
And so Mr Carter has found the woman
who is to be his companion until
death do them part. Well, give him

from me the meeting of a true friend.
I have seen for men whom I respect as
highly as I respect him, and I shall
indeed rejoice if he ~~can~~ found one
who can be one with him in his anti-
selfish aims and in his high ideal of
life. I do not know the lady, but I am
sure that she has won a prize, and I
hope that he has done so too. Perhaps, even
yet, I may come to Darjeeling, and
visit them both, do I know? But this
I do know, that Mr Carter's name stands
for me as the representative of a true
noble Christian man. May he, in this
new relationship, be as happy as he de-
serves to be. I wish he had carried out his
purpose of coming home, for I could
much have enjoyed having him as a
guest here.

With this I send you my accounts for
the past year, and I have put with them
the corresponding items of 83, that
you may compare notes. That large
sum for sundries, includes £20 for
house repairs, painting, papering, and
new linoleum, also £6 for the pre-
paring and wiring of the Indian
birds, shams, peacock &c and £3

for charges on the Indian cases. In 83
I spent £20 on Mr Kustlin's books.
This year I shall have £10 to pay for the
piano, which I have had to send to have
the lemmers re-covered. The touch was
so bad that it was impossible for the child-
ren to practice upon it, though the
tone is beautiful. Miss Douglas is
giving a children's party on the 7th I
am getting from Applegard, an stone
suit for Noel and I am making for
the girls ^{blue} grey polonaises over rose-coloured
shirts and ribbons to match. They will
look very bonnie. I have obtained
through a mutual friend, the opinion
of a lady in Lausanne as to school, there
she speaks most highly of Madlle Doffler,
and as I have never heard of that lady from
three independent sources, I am in-
clined to think well of her. Madame
Cottier, who gives the information is
a lady living in Lausanne, to whom I
introduced Celeste when she went
there and she has been very kind to
Nilda & Miriel. She says they are par-
ticularly nice girls. Her dressmaker
has been making them several
pretty ball dresses lately, so I dare say

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Clette's bill for clothing ^{to more}
 than mine. Madame Lottier says that
 Madame Eytel, Mrs. Dilda and Muriel
 are placed, in a fashionable lady, and
 her elder girls go out a good deal, and
 amusement is more thought of than
 culture. Also there are many little
 boys and girls, day pupils, so that the
 teaching cannot be of a high class. That
 would not do for Lilian, who is prepared
 for really high class instruction now.
 My plan would be to send her abroad
 in September, returning the following
 July. When you come home, you might
 know where to wherever she is, and stay
 a week or two with her; or if your home-
 coming is postponed until after
 Christmas, you might bring her
 home. But it is early to settle all this
 only I should like her education to go on
 without a break and I believe that for
 Mabel to be alone for a while at home,
 will be an admirable training for
 her. I shall try to write to Mrs. Knowlton
 by this mail. I had a long kind letter
 from her a month ago. I must leave
 Mabel to tell you all about the "for
 children's party" which we had on Friday.
 See your coming etc.