

Lee Hollis, Oct. 22/85.
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your patience and
I am sure
sure you
at last succeeded in obtaining
a nomination for school. Mr
Sale, a clergyman to whom I
wrote last February, but observed
not then promise, has given
me it. I wrote a few weeks ago, to
ask the Bursear of Marlborough
if the nomination had been
given to anyone else, and
finding that it had not, I wrote
to Mr Sale to ask for it again.
I waited nearly a fortnight and
heard nothing. Then I wrote
again, and after waiting a
week longer I had a most kind
letter, explaining the delay and
expressing his pleasure in
giving me the nomination.
He has had three boys at the school

two are there now and he speaks most highly of the way in which everything is arranged. He says it is a first rate school, both as to study and management.

I have written to the Vicar, & tell him I have got the nomination and I have also got Noel's certificate of baptism (in which the date of birth is inserted) from Mr Ferris. I am glad there are no more boys to get nomination for, for I shall not soon forget the worry of this. Noel is very pleased.

He is quite comfortable and happy at school. He is now at the top of the school. I have arranged with Miss Andrus to come for two hours twice a week, from now until next June, to prepare Dilian for the Oxford Senior Examination. She was very anxious to go through it, and it will be an object for her to work up to. Her certificate, if she

obtains it, will admit her to any of the Women's Colleges, such as Girton, Newnham &c if she should ever wish to carry her studies further. She and Mabel are now attending a course of six lectures being given in connection with the Oxford examinations. It is a good thing for Mabel, who thus gets a little stimulus in her studies. She will never improve herself by too hard work, I received £30 through the India Office on Tuesday, and thank you very much for it. If affairs come to the worst in Burma I hope you will not run any risk by going there. You might spend the time instead, in travelling where things are more peaceful. I shall be very thankful and so shall we all, when you are safely home again. We shall look out with interest for the arrival of the boxes. The school-room, or as we call it, the study, is almost lined with books now. I shall write to Mr Carter as soon

as I know the car arrived. He and
Mrs Carter must come and see
us. I hope you liked the children's
portraits. I shall send one to Kilda
for her birthday, and one to Lou
and Mary, if alone we never by
any chance bear anything up.
I am having a dozen smaller
ones taken. Nabel must go to the
dentist here, as her teeth want stop-
ping. She and Noel require much
attention. Lillian's teeth seem
stronger. Your letter was very good
and kind: it will be better for us
both when we can be together. Until
then we must be patient. I feel
sometimes as if I should never
recover the great strain which I
have had to bear, both within and
without, during this year. I have
lost the power of rising above things,
as I could once do. But the girls
now can be your companions,
were I fail. Mamma tees about
the same. She sends her love to you.

I hope you will take care of yourself.
Love lovingly. 8214