

ways or degrees — & the being with
them there was an exceeding ~~rather~~ com-
fort to me & besides the great pleasure
of it) — It was only personal perplexi-
ties & struggles ^{to which I refer} in which I will ask your
help by & by darling in our own home —
either in the understanding of them as
past — or the more successful com-
bats of them should they recur —
Don't think a word more about it
now please darling — I only tell you now,
both because I like to tell you every-
thing — (I had not time last mail in
my great hurry) & that it naturally came
in thinking of your very dear letters & all
of help — comfort & deep support & con-
solation that they are to me —

I wonder at what you are abt seeing
some remnant of those gloomy ideas
& ways of look at life & things in my
later letters, as except perhaps as re-
gards some doubts as to whether I
ever should get well (evidently by my
great weariness at times last spring)
(the wretchedly alarming) & the sad
thoughts that that brought I am
not conscious of as the of the kind
in letters that had then reached you
for many many months — indeed ever
since the knowledge of your dear

love for me, made me once more
thank God sincerely that I had been
made — & kept alive till now —
But if I was I suppose they may have
become so ~~prevalent~~ to me that I
cannot obtain a small part of them quite
unconsciously —
But I never will darling, hide that
anything else from you, God helping
me —

My first thought & feel in everything is to
come to you for help & comfort in it —
& I feel you all — & though I am as thin
as a stick ^{has been} ~~very~~ ^{weak} ~~and~~
regarding your own dear home —
second that we have come & I am as
I must bear that alone, because of
not paining you yet I do not think it
we have succeeded because the feel in
them come that we are one & therefore
that anything which goes against that ~~on~~
will be far greater pain, than any tem-
porary one, which by such ~~resistance~~ ^{will}
be avoided to you —

Yes darling I hope — meaning I hope to tell
you all abt my visits to our dear German
house & all my impressions of your
fatherland (I like that word so much)
But I know you would scold me did I
try to write them now, — & I deservedly

How glad I am to hear of this one
up in our hopes, so far - I need not
indeed cannot say - or how thankful
& rejoiced I am at the continued good
news of my darling's health -
Yes I do try & take care of mine too
now, really - I mean more. Mod-
estly are conscious there is room
for more strict & conscientious ef-
fort still - but I do & will try
for it - But you know how
very difficult it is to have suf-
ficient faith abt it - I mean
when one is feeling there is this, that
& the other thing, wh want doing
it is so difficult to realize that
it is right to lie down & do
nothing & still more to make one
self do it when realized - & to be-
lieve that the thing being right
its consequences must with
be so also - But I'll just
lie down a little - I know my darling
will be glad to see me do ever this
tiny bit of right in this respect -

Christleton Rectory W Chester. Sept 3/1862.
Wednesday morning.
My darling

Your most precious letter of
June to July reached me safely last Sunday -
I read the last part only of them - but have
since at different times been en-
joying, I cannot say how deeply - also
the first, or longer one -
It is so sweet to feel how you darling
were thinking & writing to me all this the
greater part of your time at Bonn - wh was
in many ways, I mean only personal &
mental ones, a very trying one to me - &
now to see how you darling whose help
& guidance & comfort about things I was
so exceedingly longing for each day then -
were at the time with me in thought
& writing each day such dear long words
to me - My whole heart thanks
you for them darling - or rather feels how
weak & powerless it is to thank you in
love & life as they deserve - I can only
ask to be made worthy of them some
day - & strive for that too -
What I say all that time in your dear home
must not pain you please darling - it
had nothing to do with the dear one
I was with, than whom nothing I have
been more kind & loving, & whom
I love all dearly - tho in perhaps dif-
ferent

to pain her by it did she see it -
more especially if this sad story be true.
For you know how one can't bear
to pain those who must already
have suffered enough in their lives.
I think the little wife knows that per-
haps it may have been only cruel
Cape Town gossip (I said originally, I quite
understand you darling feeling it right
to tell me what is said, now let it be
a false abt her - & you can fancy
how that makes me long to know
it to be untrue that I did not do her
this cruel injustice even in thought.
But I must not write more at this.
I can't think of to understand how
I feel abt it, without saying
how glad I am you did tell
me now - as I was on the
point of choosing an Indian
cleaner instead of our own maid
one because they were going in it.
That I have the comfort & pro-
tection of going with friends, rather
than quite alone -
now I feel quite differently - not
that this alters what they now are
or have shewn themselves to me - but

that, besides for the above reason
its greatly destroying personal com-
fort in their society & protection -
another - still greater one is that
I should not like your wife to
come to you in any way in the care
or chaperonage of those of whose
such things are said - even be it false.
I remember one day at Cape Town saying
something to me abt her & gave me the
feeling you were almost warning me agt
them - but I thought that afterwards when
you got to know her better, and feel
and worn off - so had not decided
by me your not fully liking her & knew
it) & being not only so much with her, the
and ~~was~~ for that, as an endeavour
to be of any pleasure or comfort to one about
up in doors - so far for well - I know
you do not - but also real friends with
her - that is as far as our friends
I go - you know I felt she was a dis-
tinct friend - not one big one - one
that I looked up to - relied on much
but one who the little was very dear -
nice - Fortunately I never trusted her
with anything - I mean as I had mind to
say again - because I do feel
abt her husband who I would stay to put

into words here - I know how she
cared for him, & how too ~~to~~ get feel of
the wrong of putting any thing between
those who set the true heart & each
other, made me say to her that I
did not like him to hear too - Who I mean
is this for him - that the more I
saw the more I liked him - ~~for~~
tho not outwardly very refined yet
he seemed to have a good honest heart
inside - I saw a good deal of him when
she was ill - one or twice having lunch
with him alone (while she was resting
on my bed) & he seemed to like me
& spoke more openly abt theology & some
other subjects than I think he wd do
to most - I ^{am} ~~may~~ thing ~~made~~ to see
her - like in his character - he
seemed to really to care all her & to
try & take care of her, & this made
me like him better too -

But now I feel glad that they may
sail in this large steamer (Jason)
on the 15th inst & so that we shall not
meet again till I go safe with you
at Cape Town as I trust -
It would be the sort of pain then, that

what you tell me about dear Mrs H
has been a very painful shock - I don't
mean to put on any good airs about it
or anything of that kind - All I trust you know
me too well to suppose indeed am sure
you do - For I do deeply feel how grievous
temptation may be - that it is only one
who ~~is~~ now at who may dare to
suffer - I don't ~~know~~ - but you
can understand the pain - ~~that~~ it is
with regard to one I ~~entirely~~ ^{entirely} respected
especially with regard to all that was
pure & womanly - I don't mean that
I did not ~~see~~ ^{that} at times perhaps was
quite so particular as one not with
things she said - tho I never heard of
in the painful degree to which I
refer - Still I feel that due to just
the same ways of the speech - it
is of course very difficult for
any one but us there to see a reality
& therefore utterly avoid -
But now how now its given me a feeling
of something untrue abt her, tho how
why I can scarcely realize ~~it~~ ^{it}
so that it wd be just pain to me
to meet her just now - so feel that
I'd not be quite like I had -

head & nerves generally are quieter & do not
lend me that false strength w^h they generally
give me at mail times.

But I know you will understand & forgive &
doubt -
I am happy to tell you that I do feel really
better - more really so I believe than ^{as much} when
I've been in England - certainly than
any time since last Nov^r & Oct - I believe
better really even than then - My nerves
have been so much better & quieter, & my
bodily strength more & sleeping as well
& ^{having} as good an appetite - as any body
I wish -

I've had a very busy month (i.e. weeks
& 1/2 really) in London & I'm happy to
say except being a little tired just now,
am I believe not the worse for it.
It shows how much better I am -

I did try to condense business & everything
into as small space as possible - but
London is such a world of itself that
this is not over easy -

But all is got & done now, all my boxes
packed & sent to an agent, till I shall
pass thro' London again on my way
to a ship - I've had much kind

thoughtful help in many ways specially
from dear Mrs. Maudslayi, & Mother, &

dear Aunt Fanny besides others -
but I will not try to tell you anything about
this time in London (much as I need
say I wish I did, knowing how you I care
to hear - even little things ^{alone}) for I feel how
very precious this last month is for
trying to gain as much more health &
strength as possible & I know by my feelings
(physical) that the more entirely I rest
your now, the better - So I know you
& dear Louie with quite & care but shall
leave this time, & look forward with me
to the next w^h I trust may unite us again -
so with that feel I try to leave all news
if not important ~~to be told~~ at once, until
then -

I will only say darling that I have already
bought & packed up our house linen -
Dear Aunt Fanny helped me choose it - & I had
ample means of doing so thro' \$30 being given
me out of what we call 'Dom. & Bill's fund',
for troupeau or any such purposes - I only
mention this to make you feel as rest
in my having done so - & also that you
too darling should not trouble yourself about
this thing, when preparing for our little home -
when I say linen I mean ^{include} blankets too -
I hope that you will have seen & understood
the long pencil words all it I scratched

under edge of cover last mail - at last
moment - I'd forgotten it in my haste
to tell all graver things, until too late
for inside - & that no one else will
have seen it - I mean in route to you
so I won't do any thing at furniture etc -
I did not feel up to the achieving it properly
so knew it was best not to attempt any such
thing - & knew well how far rather you
have been than it at all, than harm
my health by trying -
I will think about a sofa - so my dear
darling for you thought about it -
Now as to next mail & my coming -
I quite understand darling all your
very anxious that for me at all it
shall certainly wait for next mail -
belly with you that it is best -

I don't think I speak odd or cold of all this -
you know I hardly dare let myself
think or speak at all at all - I mean
the deferring of our meeting still a little
longer - because I mean voluntarily
as it were - for did I go by this steamer
of 15th - I'd have been there about 3 weeks earlier
But simply say this, that I believe you
are right darling - & that I shall be

the contrast of how I was writing
to her about going by the same ship only
a week or so since, & of how glad
I am now not to be - makes it
now -

I wrote to tell her of my happy future about
a week ago - feeling that now so many
knew it it would be public news at the
Cape even we ^(the 3) got there - so that it
was ^{my} ^{best} ^{too} as explaining
my things - to tell her at once -
now that I otherwise really could -
she's already a little his jokes upon the
subject - now however I'm ^{that} ^{it} ^{is}
to escape those -

I know you will quite understand
how I am this - I may enclose you her
kind notes if there is room - but if not
weight I shant, for I'm very stingy just
now as to unnecessary things - all
of this morning to a little nest that two
happy birds hope to have by & by - &
keeping all stray feathers to time ^{that}
with ^(but) I did try to take care of myself in
London, not stinting in calls at ^{the} ^{where}
After dinner - I feel darling I am writing by ^{the}
a very stupid fragmentary way - but the
truth is, that this mail, from being as I
trust & believe intrinsically better - my

ones at home - for it was very happy
in all things relating to them
for myself I believe my very busy month
- London was good for me for it kept
me from thinking too much & getting too
anxious abt you darling & many things -

- the perpetual delight too to be almost
daily doing something which was more or
less directly a help towards to sooner
getting back to you was a moral sti-
mulus which helped me greatly -

Yes darling I wish to follow all your
lovely words abt my voyage -

As regards this, the case lies thus -

I shall get everything ready for me
finally, most and done now) for coming
to you by the 5th Oct Mail Steamer
hoping - intending to do so, unless your
letters by the inward mail of a few

days before should be such as to change
our plans - I mean for instance
should they have to tell me that the appoint-
ment is not to be yours, & that therefore
you are going to New Zealand via England
or any similar thing - But as I think
the probabilities of this are

very small I shall line out in the
hope - intention of coming out to you
daily by the next mail - So I shall
this with be my last letter to you darling - &
read the last one written ^{from} so very for a
way -

I shall come quite prepared to join you
at once my darling - I mean to either
do that - or go first up to Natal - accordg
as you wish - or rather ^{think} right, for I
know ^{that} in these things you will, as you
have done already - try to refer all to
right - & help me too, to do it - however
hard & unloved it might be -

But I own I think now with you, that
it may be a duty to my health & future life
not to first go up to Natal - Much,
very much, as for dear home sake, & the
others too, but chiefly here, I'd have wished
that possible -

But I feel I don't know all all this - so must
just leave it all in God's hands trusting
that when the time does come he will
show us what is right & guide us straight
to do it -

Yes I truly hope dear Louisa will be able to come.
 I think we must make her stay long
 enough, even be it at the expense
 of delaying our wedding for awhile, to
 enable her to have a nice long time
 with me. I mean ^{quite} a week or two - suf-
 ficient to enable her to tell ~~us~~ ^{us}
 of all things that for many many years
 we have either been too much
 grieved or too poor to write of to one
 another. ^{I mean things of consequence} & that we may be able to tell
 her all we can with regard to thorough
 understanding of the dear Far. I feel
 all her plans for their present
 future with her - & must now
 shut you with I think understand with
 out of writing, how much she wants
 to be with me for a little - very much
 as we have been to each other for
 so many years - & peculiarly isolated
 as the dear thing is now -
 I am so glad & grateful that dear
 Far & Lucy have taken our good news
 in this nice way & for your letter to
 them, darling - & that you were able
 able to send an at once of letter to my poor father
 & that you had written too. So many thanks
 for that, I am so dear

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right in waiting - & also that the additional resting time of this month has done me much good - I enclose Dr. Prof. full handwriting all that - I was very glad to see that he has understood the dear right that effort for me & right we made you write to him - I need hardly say how entirely I do daily - & how I feel the love that did it in spite of its difficulty -

I quite believed he wd too - for he is so much real - repeat all things - still it was both pleasure - relief to see he does -

Truly that you will hear more fully for himself of all things I write only briefly say, how in answer to my earnest wish to know the truth about it, he told me distinctly that there was nothing in the state of my health against my marrying - & that he believed I should 'be a strong woman yet' - tho he owned I had had 'rather a close shave for it' - I mean, had been very near having gone too far as regards trying - over trying health & strength, to get them back again - I believe he thinks we really must let us since my happy time with grandeur

clean home -
I shall be very glad too to hear of how our
poor father has taken our letters -

to get the Andersons answer too
I expect to spend this month thus -
stay here as long as I can spare time.

then go for one or 2 nights to each
of the dear kind friends in Stafford
shire whom I was with solo last
year - to get to ^{back} London ready for the
mail - & so as to be there all a week
before starting - so as to see Dr. Raper
& finish up a few little things, get
more lessons on my sewing machine,
et cetera - (that dear Mr. Weller,
- Mrs. Weller's husband's) presents
have given to me)

Dear Aunt Elizabeth also y^r dear Aunt
 Fanny, whom I have let see your Photograph
 like it so much, ^{to} ~~also~~ ^{also} other friends I ~~also~~ ^{also} like it
 so like me - quite really - I don't feel
 curious - tho' in one way most
 natural - I assure

So kind I never saw the blots
on yr letter, & I like I read yr words
— so soon —

Dear Uncle John asks me to say with
his 'tenderest regard' that he 'highly
prizes the compliment' ~~expressed~~
~~discussing~~ ~~expressed~~ ~~expressed~~ ~~expressed~~ ~~expressed~~
~~have~~ have done him & is greatly
obliged for it -

I think he means it very well. 2018
wish I had rendered the sense of
his message more truly as he said it -
but you know how one ^(a message) gives you
other writ of other things is difficult
to seize as exactly as one w. writ.

Yes daily I did make the promise & as-
sured, & mean earnestly to try & keep it—
I mean in as far as regards ~~the~~ ^{the}
that ~~not~~ ^{will} be done for as I said
before most ~~they~~ ^{they} are ~~done~~ ^{done} already
& I trust without any great harm
to me —

I've heard of no good early vessels
going to the Cape - the last one of
which I spoke - a former letter is al-
ready full - tho of course I sh^d not
now think of her - I add the name
to them that I've no choice save
steamers -

I do not think it to be well for me
to want to be the hoo 5th one - as both

Oh I wanted to ^{last} say I didn't accept our dear
mother's offer of getting our household linen for
me was that we thought the expense of
carriage it as to England was equivalent of
not more than of the difference of cheapness -
& I did not like it as she had thought
in a day before for yesterday & today
it will not reach in time - then that
have been awkward for us - the quite
thought so too -

Oh I nearly love to tell you any part of
my last letter the likes - as I can't rewrite
what I said in it and see her at the Cape
too I tried to express it more shortly a while
way back here - I know I can trust to
you to understand as to that may at first
seem strange or contradictory in it
or rather to take or trust what perhaps
can't be understood without longer conversation
than all it all than I got to write now - & also
some things in either dear Louis's letter told
at near in answer - or in her rather peculiar
character & circumstances - & her great
shyness from being in any way in any way
- especially in that of those she loves - I think
of all part now is over - so that
I had to write rather strongly all some things
to try & get her to feel comfortable in
being as long with me at Cape Town (or rather
if possible in some more quiet lodging out

side it) as she is practicable - also sufficient
to enable her to be as much & entirely with me
and feel the poor darling needs after all this
weary trying time that she has been bearing day
all alone - my share of our old home life &
dullies too as well as her own - I must
try to write more all this now - but I know
my darling will trust me for as to that
may seem strange but it can be per-
fectly & plainly -

Oh I am nearly forgotten to tell you that I've
got our cards darling & feeling that it will
be one thing but of trouble & a leap for you - & also
that one I get them done more nicely - as
we should wish in England, than in Cape Town
- & I mean I've got them & their envelopes &
all to match - so that you need not take any
trouble at all that darling -
You don't know how nice it was to see your name - &
also another it doesn't have no answer just at present
of that you will trust me to get them done, & not
mind it - dear Aunt Jane went with me - & it
was quite easy & pleasant - not peculiar like
it not otherwise have felt -

If I ^{can} enclose her & her letters I think I will
like to see them when you have read them
of course she knows nothing of what you
told me - I mean not from me - I don't
think she ever heard of them
I feel so anxious to know that you read my last
& (would) letter safely - because it was not
registered the writer upon to that effect -
at least in no more anxious

Afternoon — I am just finished to do & done it
the its not your letter — they are all
tired — (You see me does try to go down —
I now come to say goodbye to you
my own own darling — Oh may God
keep us like we meet — it makes
me feel so frightened sometimes
how the time drags near & when
the He comes 'if we should not' — (oh
but I won't think that but hope for
better things — that He will bring me
safe to my darling even over all these
miles & miles of sea —

Goodbye my own dear darling - My heart
says what would I not come to
x prep - But remember that whatever
happens I am with all my love
Your own wife
Josephine

I feel so overcome to know that you are
 so (possibly) alone - because it was not
 the weather upon to that effect
 at the time in your absence

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with regard to what is called my money
(but not, I call ours) they now want
me to invest it in things which they think
safe & it also be managed in England -
& so not give us the trouble of finding
Trustees at the Cape - but the safe-
ness is the great thing in their minds
to explain this now - because I could
get an answer from you daily & also
ought not to write much now - so
I will just try & do with Mr. M. & make sure
tell what we have been really best at
sit - know that whatever is there
you will like done - Sep 4
I explain what I say all that £30 - that has nothing
to do with the £200 for another source which
I spoke to you of in a former letter - I only
thought it did not like to tell about that until our
marriage was certainly fixed to take place
soon - but, as soon as it is, I mean to tell - &
will write it at once for you
I have been ready this my letter daily & that it is
so very bald & imperfect in every way
but dare not stop to write a better now & try
to console myself with thinking that this next
mail will bring you a better letter - even
myself - I mean even it will be more satisfactory
(with all its imperfections) I hope you are reading
I am now writing to dear Louisa - & may her
last word here be - yes - happy and a few