

It would be tedious to detail the many which combined
to cause this - some perhaps may be noticed in course.
The principal cause was a most unusual number and
succession of visitors, often people I could little about -
Truly much company is a great snare, at least I feel unable
to stand it, it whisks me into worldly desires and pleasures
and so irritates my temper that I am most unhappy - with
mind & body exhausted a few days ago I made my escape to this
charming place, where the country around is exceedingly lovely.
The house with its inmates and arrangements so congenial to
my taste that it is no more to me to say I now enjoy the sweet-
est peace of mind and placidity of temper I ever experienced.
Mr. and Mrs. Keble, the friends I am visiting, are scarcely undistinguished
persons, with two sweet well-trained children Annie 13 and George
11 or thereabouts. Mr. K. is a wealthy farmer. This house is delightfully
situated near the top of a sloping hill; a large garden fringed with
trees surrounds the house; beyond, on the slope, the fields extend
to Haddington which with its glistening roofs its churches and father-
deal lies in the valley below, beyond the town and to its east
and west a most extensive prospect of fields, meadows, woodlands!

and nobleman's policies are bounded by a range of the Lammern hills. Above all I must let you something about Mrs. Keite she is a Christian, and I think the most heavenly minded exemplary lady I ever knew. It is only a few years since she was brought to the knowledge of the truth and by the Grace of God changed from being one of the ^{gayest} most ambitious of her sex to one of the meekest most humble minded disciples of the Lord Jesus. Her husband is at present absent in England yet her servants and family are regularly assembled while she offers up the morning and evening sacrifice with a simplicity and Godly sincerity which is most refreshing: indeed I need not enlarge but pursue her every duty. She is a living epistle known and read of all men. I am not sorry at her husband's absence, it allows us to enjoy so much of that ^{best of} Cham in conversation on religion and other topics which cannot be enjoyed when a third party is present. I cannot let you how happy I am. It is a great pleasure to be placed in the society of Christians ~~of any kind~~ whose experience and sympathy of feelings must prove a direct passport to each others affections but where tastes and circumstances are pretty equal how immensely great the pleasure. May God bless our company together and enable me

to follow her in so far as she follows Christ. —

Allow your imagination to fill up the mere sketch I have given you of the bustling life I have led for some months past and you will be prepared I think to receive my acknowledgment of having utterly neglected making those subjects contained in your letters as papers matters of consideration so as to be able to give my opinion indeed the latter I only got read once hastily over when they did appear and were not to be found. I rather suspect that some of my friends think "out of sight out of mind" is the best plan with things which come from you — would that I could whisper on paper! I might than be induced to let you more in connection with this subject than I dare write in plain words as to this however, as I must not again indulge in the "Mysteron" altho', quietly, I think you deserve that Compliment returned.

Miss Isabella Mathews was with us for five or six weeks about March — I enjoyed her company very much especially at first when I was just recovering from influenza which had confined me to the house for four weeks. I took a fancy to have one of the homeopathic doctors to attend me but I doubt there is great faith required to reap much benefit from these infinitesimal doses. There are many little incidents which I might mention but I fear it is a sort of disrespect to Mrs K. to set her scribbling here indifferent