

Lubeck  
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Dearest mamma,

I received your letter about Mr Budden on Wednesday night, but as I had not the slightest clue to his whereabouts I thought it useless to try & meet him on chance, especially as repeated trips to the river would rather disturb the equanimity of this maiden household. However I seriously set about finding an escort I asked Dr Anderson to let me know if he found anyone going up, & as I lunched at the Davies's yesterday I requested Charley also to be on the look out, if no better escort offers, the Lenchen & Lewis, with boys go back to school some day next week, (I intend to find out before which day) & as all I want is some young set Mr Lewis I dare say some of them would be quite as attentive & useful escorts as an older person

There is I think little chance of my  
having an opportunity early next  
week, of course if anyone occurred  
for tomorrow (not very likely) I will  
go with them. Today I intend  
to devote to getting the rest of  
my visits returned, so that I  
will be ready for the event, I  
will not likely write again  
but will telegraph when I have  
I believe the track is rather  
snowed up at present, at least  
I was told that no train ar-  
rived yesterday, & it certainly  
stormed <sup>permanently</sup> all day.

I am anxious to return for  
several reasons. In the first place  
Mr G. M. Lemont (the girl's father)  
who has been delicate for years  
has caught cold & is very seriously  
ill, inflammation of the lungs I think  
of course the girls & Miss M. I  
care constantly with him, & the  
last few days have been very  
unpleasant indeed, today there is to  
be a consultation of physicians.  
The children have been clamor here

all day under my care - I had serious  
thoughts of going to the Andersens  
as they pressinglly invited me to,  
but for the present, concluded that  
it would be kinder to stay, should  
his illness terminate fatally, as if I  
find myself the least in the way  
of course I will go to them. I  
must now part - this, I can may  
rely on ~~my~~ embracing the very  
earliest opportunity of returning.  
With best love to Papa, William  
& the children, also to Maria if  
you see, her believe me as ever  
your loving daughter  
Anna -

Mrs Mac L - desires her kindest love to  
you -