

to be interested ²in each &
all of them & love them as
well. I do think you are
blessed with a most charm-
ing family & would have
you - as far as my poor words
can effect it, - feel that this
is now the happiest part of
your life - a time you will
have to look back to us, though
full of care, equally full of
happiness! God grant it may
last & end only with your
departure to "our everlasting
home!" I hope, ere this, that
all the sick are well again.
I often think of Mrs Harington's
cucle of fine children as I saw
them one night at her home.
What possibilities are within them.
How momentous is the life of even
one! Now in the first chapters of

their History,³ how wonderful
may be those that follow &
end the book. Blessed are the
Parents who can look over their
children's lives & have no cause
for regret & remorse at having
come short in duty to them!

I am sure you have done a
good thing in having a por-
trait of dear Eva taken for
your own "gratification".

(I have just received a letter
from Nelly, in which she
says that she does not think
any of his family will go over
to Hope's wedding.) Nelly is
just getting settled with a nurse
for her children who speaks no
English - & Nelly was for a time
the only medium between them.
Now they are learning French
& Nurse English - but it is very
amusing to hear their talk.
I have just commenced reading

For the second time - that wonderful Book you gave me - It has been such a help to me! I never read a Book with greater avidity. It seems to suit my every want & has given me a new life - such clearness of expression & so simple & scriptural - making the life of Faith so clear to the dullest mind. I never felt as I do now from reading that book. It was worth going to Canada to get it.

I can never thank you enough for giving it to me. Surely the Lord must have put it into your heart to do so. But He thinks of "the poor & needy," & such have I been for many a year.

My Nephew & Niece are to be married on the 30th of April & sail on the 3rd of May on a Friends Steamer as they wish to go as far as Rome before warm weather & will not visit England before August.

& buds were as far advanced
as in May, when a Killing
Frost came & blighted every
thing & you see the trees cov-
ered with dead leaves & all
the flowers & young foliage
are blasted. I returned from
the Assembly this week to find
nothing green or Springlike,
where at this time all has
hitherto been full of the glory
& wealth of Spring. I am expect-
ing some Northern friends to
come to-morrow to make their
first visit to me & I feel almost
sorry to have them see the bare-
ness around my little Cottage
home. How I wish I was as
near seeing you & dear Sir
William & Eva. I do hope the

time may come when I shall welcome you all, either here or at my Northern home as suits your convenience.

I shall never forget the sweet intercourse of my visit to you & it will always be a bright spot in my memory.

I think of you & with the deepest sympathy for those who are about to pass through what I have experienced & can only pray that your will may be one with His who orders all the events of life & has ordained that children should leave their parents, & their home, & go forth to fight the Battles of Life with ~~the~~ strangers. God have mercy

on your precious Child & give
her a happy life in the new
field where she is to work.

She will find in my precious
Child a pure, loving & unselfish
friend & sister & I congratulate
both on the prospect of being
together. They must not allow
any one to come between them.
I say this because, as you know, the
dear Stoneleigh family are inclined
to monopolise & will expect to be first
in their young Relative's concerns.
What plans have you made for
yourself & Sir William for the
summer? Perhaps I should not ask
but I feel interested as much if not
more in your happiness as in your
Children's. I have made no plans.
I was home only three weeks, before
I went to De-Funiak for five weeks.
I am just getting settled after my
absence of six months & find my