

Dinner at Dr Hunt's, Wallace Place
with a Mr Whitman as Wednesday
Special guest & at Fall 1843

Dearest Hannah,

I received
the tickets, & also yr. good
account of the children. I only
hope you wont amuse them
too much, or Eric was perhaps
be a drag always wanting to
be with you when perhaps
you are otherwise engaged.

The weather today is quite
cool, almost chilly as evening
comes on. I have had Mrs
Scott & Mary making a grand
big hunt, Jacin's cleaning
of the nursery bed must have
been very partial for on
having it dismembered,
was horrified to see such
traces of a hopeful nursery

The down stairs bed was
not much better, but I do
think that Leg & hailing water
& insect - soap must have
now rendered the whole wood
unsuitable for living creatures
for the next decade - I had
my own bed & the spare in
the crib looked over & au-
dient with passion beds
but - no traces were found -
I wish you wd tell Lizzie
& whart her to look at her
trunk if it - is a wooden
one & shake all her clothes
I don't think she can have
been the guilty party, at
least she had nothing to do
with down stairs, & I hope
for gages sake she is not
thats perhaps the 10 cold
months we freeze were key
to death at times.

The flowers are lovely, I ho-

itated about picking a
spray of juchia in yr garden
it seemed so much like
decapitating it - but on going
down today found some one
else had done so I not as
considerately as I wd have
- so in picture I shall not
hesitate to pick of the best.
Some of the geraniums are
splendid & I never saw
finer verbenas - The Tomatoes
begin to ripen in yr garden
I are enormous I brought
the only two red ones I saw
home, I really they were
quite a weight to carry, I
were enough for a dish.
peas are still quite green
Bernard has caught two
boys bent on mischief & nearly
killed a vermin - him in the
garden, he will be a terror to
all evil-doers - one boy he got in
yr garden was one of the children

sons with a stray - lad, & he
means to speak to Hamilton
about it. The poor little
fellow was terribly scared
& ran his best, to escape.

Tell Eric that there are
3 little kittens that come to
the window of the medical
school now, but they are very
quiet & do not say much, per-
haps they don't care to converse
with me, now the children
are away. Bernard has gone
to Dr. Hunt's & William to a
prayer meeting so I am alone
in my glory. I shall be
anxious to hear how poor
Mrs Armstrong fares. I do
hope they will manage to save
the baby for her. It must
be our now for we are well.
I can scarcely walk at
all ^{that is to say a stumpy walk} the weight seems so on
my leg-joints, but am very
well, & potter about the garden.

a good deal - wh. gives me
exercise & the hammock I
find a most-perfect rest.
I think Eric's thin shirt must
be with you, I cannot see
it here - I wonder if Leppie
changed their flannels last
week she did not the week
before - I must try & write a
line to George, I will enclose it
in this if I manage it,
The mosquitos here
are quite abundant, I have
reduced my feet & ankles to
a state not very creditable
for nurse or Dr. to view, but
a few days will improve that

Thursday
William brought up Susan's
letter last-night, wh. was satis-
factory so far, but she observes
a curious reticence about all
shopping matters, or indeed
details of any description, as
to Edinburgh - Poor Jamie what
a misfortune that she sh^d have
turned that uncle again, she

will be greatly disgusted, she
feels it quite a terrible subject

They had quite a dinner
at Dr. Keck's last night. Miss
Lynn - I some of our gentlemen
to say that the wonderful
Whitman did not seem to possess
many available ideas, but his
long hair & beard & open shirt
& turn back cuffs were an
impressive spectacle -
A bright day has
dawned, & still cool though
the temperature seems rising
gradually -

Love to all
affectionately

Lynn