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My dear Mr. Anson

Thank you so much
for writing so often. You have
I know your own hands so full &
it is so kind of you to call to hand
it is also thoughtful of you to appear
to excuse me but I like writing
to you - it is no effort because every
thing goes down better & better & as you
may suppose at odd minutes &
always in a hurry. My only regret is
that I am always forgetting the important
things. but I have come to know that
travelling is a business - visiting a handful
of business & writing increases as each
letter is paid & it is known more ex-
tensively that we are in England. I must
have written dozens & dozens of letters to all
kinds of people. To-day paper Mr. K. & Co.

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expence of Carriage to L^d Paul. I can't
tell what we may decide. I got you 1 1/2
dog: smokes pearl buttons large size for coats
1/4 per dog: - the same kind were 5/ in L^d Paul.
A most of fine dresses 6/ under clothing was not
so cheap as in New York but E. required might
dresses 7/6 & Chemise as the same. Flowers & laces
& glass generally is cheap. but alas for packing.
Rusely made dresses & cloaks are cheap at some
times but we will miss both the same
& winter chances. Children's clothes are decidedly
cheap. I also looked yesterday for something
suitable for your light silk without success.
I hope to be ^{I enter a paper the next day 2/11/94} the Coast before we are done
with London. Mr. R. has given us his number
for both the Civil & Army stores. We also
cloths suitable for children's wear at 1 1/2 hit
enclosed - the reason of price seems to be
unsuitable Colours. Anything priced low &
lying about the Counters you must decide
to take at the moment or you seldom
can get it even the next day. I brought
a good piece of striped silk to make two
sashes at 3/ per yard but there there is only
a two yards. Also 2 1/2 ribbon sash for 1 1/2 the

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Colours not so suitable. A few of these things
I had much hoped to send out by Miss
Kitt who leaves by this steamer. knowing
that she intended to go to London again
yesterday. I now write after having been
in London yesterday & having had no
opportunity of going to the Messengers to ask if
Miss K. has left & have no clue to her
whereabouts in L'pool but I have the
offer from Mrs. Bell's Purveyor to send
a small parcel by Mrs. Bell in post.

The velvet dress had a satins front trimmed
with lace at 1/4 yd & Coarser lace provided
for the neck & sleeves all of which were included
in bill. this I thought it very dear. Both
£5 & it were made by Mrs. Pugh's L'pool.
where I shd go again as she has fitted I
nearly & mine being a make over is not
so good a criterion. Ready made dresses
appear to me much the cheapest of course
they wd require alterations wh: they do where you
purchase but in your case it cd not be done

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we are ~~at~~ ~~Conbridge~~. They were by
an early train yesterday. Mr. R. & I
accompanied them to Charing Cross Station.
I must ~~struggle~~ for Whitby from
which we did not get back here till
twenty minutes past seven P.M. You will
of course jump to the conclusion that
I have bought a truck load of beautiful
treasures. It is not a shop - it is a
district of London & we saw every
kind of merchandise under the sun.
I was bewildered. I managed to spend
a little money & now that I have slept
over my confusion of ideas I find
that I have a great deal of additional
information. As to how to buy & where
might suit best to buy. Buying & packing
is however a great difficulty. Mr. R. must
kindly agree to allow anything to be sent
to Chichester but that involves carriage
here & we had it necessary for us to return
again before we have to pack & again

Then the photo I have brought are as presents
and I tell you the prices to assist you
in any future orders. Please if opportunity
offers thank Miss Wells for her politeness.

We are also very to Dr. but I am fascinated
writing that we all agree in admiring the
photo in wh. W. seems showing his something
hard easily to figure out be impressed by
loose ends are the best as a holy artist.

We had a partying day in London
yesterday. Left here all of us Mr. & Mrs. W. & Mrs
Milson, her sister, who is with her for the
winter, at 9. The train takes us to Charing
Cross. Then under ground to Kensington - then
ten minutes walk to the Fisheries Exhibition
The closing ceremony of wh. was our object
Reached the doors 11.30. & had to wait 15
minutes till opened & then so many rushed
in that we got only second best places
in section "B." to wh. our tickets admitted us
the section being one of the best seats to the
the area directly opposite the door used.

for the aristocracy. The only one of whom
 we knew being Countess Dalry with whom
 we took afternoon tea at this seat of
 Knawley during our stay at Saintport.
 We had a good view of Prince of Wales
 Prince of Edinburgh & Prince Leopold. also
 Lord Grenville - Lord Harcourt, Duke of
 Cambridge &c. saw in audience. Hurly. See
 Char: Supper & Mrs King. at 1-30. on our
 own acct. we had lunch in the Conservatory
 before going off on another Court to
 Whitby & afternoon at was very sorry we
 had done as it was impossible to shop
 with so large a party. the three different
 changes before we got back to Chislehurst
 where we arrived 6.15.

I have not said much about
 Papa in my letter partly because I
 hope to see him more at rest & happily
 by what is thought to be a halcyon time
 up to the point business seems always
 to hold a prominent place in his mind

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Whenever he goes specimens letters to buy or
to be hunted for in title. information about
Thomas's education - letters innumerable
learned because we are asked out to
dinner as a ~~subject~~ of talk. I am talking
and am going travels how to get quickest
through the Continent & see most museums
is his desire. Be sure I do not write this
complainingly. I have no strain there discomposing
me - neither take the matter too seriously.
I've & I have talked over the matter & have
concluded to ask Mr. R. to talk to him of the duty
& necessity of expense, & travelling for pleasure
or rest - The hurried mg. of the 13 less mile time
all the good he may get out of him he
needs to stow up his forces for that occasion.

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Ganshields who lives in this neighborhood
but have accepted an invite to dine there
tomorrow ev. We have also accepted to the
Rae's for Monday ev. They & the Carpenter's
lunches five times. Sat. the 10th we may

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Possibly go to Beaufort till Monday.
and may be E. may stay behind us
to ship - then might with Katie but don't
say so - to get no good pleasure

I spoke to Mrs. Cross about Rudolf & asked
if they attached blame to R. She did not
think they did so - Rabie had wished for
years to go to the West with much of a boys
romance as to the life he wd have there
R's influence had toned ^{down} his anticipations of
fishing & hunting but confirmed his hopes
of success there. The result must work
themselves out. Any matter wd given at
his boys failure but they can quite afford
to educate him for a medical life. Is I am
not disturbing myself much about him?
I am too much occupied in mind about
Frank & distressed with you & Bernard
shd be troubled by his plans prospects or state
of mind. Do not concern myself of prose
me about Amie. Tell me all that you
know about him. I have been pleased yet
astonished that paper has not expressed the

smallest ~~stipend~~ or ~~reward~~ at all
 by hearing that he was in Montreal. So
 that there be anything forthcoming I send
 write to me on a separate sheet &
 I will use pleasure in one use
 of it. Papa has written to him by this
 mail asking him to tell us something
 of his plans - we have not had a word
 since we came. I have written to him
 twice. He & Perry are constantly
 on my heart. I now that we are
 separated from you also my queries are
 more importunate. that all wisdom
 & heavenly guidance may be given to you
 that whatever questions arise & I
 give decisions may be anived at.
 May the be your roof & shield you &
 all whom you may influence from all sin.
 If our trust is full disappointment only
 lead to greater blessing - see how W. has
 been rewarded for taking patiently the
 losses will about I mean. W. has

have seen has not that trust yet
 from the dissensions at the time
 perhaps the loss of my being prosperity
 that my father I had him back to
 happiness & trust. He knows better how
 to deal with him my suggestions are
 enough!

I am very much pleased to hear that
 the debate has been so successful. I
 am sure the will improve W. Abbot
 society for he takes will not approve a
 personal act or waste of time & that
 or other new experiences will open his mind
 to a broader charity as mine perhaps
 is doing with the uneducated society
 of people & things with which I have & am
 being brought into contact here. So in
 stance are these kind entertainers
 at present are absorbed that in attracting
 & planning for old furniture to harmonize
 with the restoration of rooms supposed to
 have at one time been occupied by

"The Fair Maid of Kent" but I leave you
to find the date in history (between five or
six hundred years ago) at which she was celebrated.
And to have them discuss these subjects
you will be led to the conclusion that
their hearts were filled full with the desire
to accomplish this object (with much
charity I repeat that it holds so large a
place) - still it is with their deepest
and most abiding affection. Mrs R's loving
sympathy with the poor, suffering & suffering
is a lesson to me. I will pain launch out
on descriptions of the house but it is nothing
a lengthy subject but too complicated for any
success in the attempt.

How odd to think of another little daughter
of yours about to slip off on his own
little independent feet! dear little maid.
I think she is like Eva! Clara more like
you & Edith more the Harrington type.
I think it will be most desirable to send
Eric either to gymnasium or Finchesgate

a change from constant home life and he
sawed for all must needs concerned.

I am quite sorry to hear of Mr. Mr. Donald's illness
but Miss M^r. he pressed beyond his small
strength & resolve to see her from the children
Chatterbox will be my advice. Mrs. Inver's is
only loss of time. Miss Cairns's is full but
other houses are about as good - Miss Hends
especially recommended. I did not wish
you to say this to her - only for an emergency
ever I said at Chatterbox what a splendid
way it wd be to make a living to keep a
mother-house there. You wd like it I know.

Tell Eric I got his advertisement & perhaps I may
find out where to get the Mouchepeur machines
steam trains but I am terribly afraid of losing
myself in the great big city. so within I was
the train wd ever get back. I dare not venture without
a guide. Also give grandma's love to Edith
& Clare. Write much for yourself & Bernard
believe me ever yours fondly loving

Mother

I have no time to read this over or put
in stops - make the best you can of it