

Mary

statements & huddled actions bring upon
 paper. I trust also that he has fully made
 plain to him his own position & that if he
 intends to do any more than this preliminary laid
 decree Mr. Mc W. to improve Bence's department.
 Allay this with your father's opportunity to explain
 many things to Mr. S. who, shall he feel inclined
 to promote peace, I agree with you in thinking
 him quite enough interested & capable to do so.
 Altogether I sincerely hope these Collyer matters
 may assume a more encouraging aspect.
 You will have here this considered
 what I said as to Mary E's affairs do I will
 not refer to them again, but here I go further
 let me say that I am writing under most
 unfavorable circumstances, half listening
 to talk carried on between Blanche & Geo
 I find my self transcribing words &
 altogether writing up a steep hill of difficulty.
 I am more than surprised to hear that
 the S. Redemptor has begun alterations on the
 new Collyer in its present position, & as if they

intended to be ~~containing~~ with such a little
 shole of a place. My predictions are scattered.
 Is not Mr Taylor gaining to build a Cottage
 for Mary? Does not the lot wh: Mr Andrews ~~own~~
 mens a house beyond the waterfalls, now
 belong to him? how delightful to me it wd
 be to build with such a pride & the power
 behind to "make the more go!"

Ever has an illustrated Catalogue of the Army
 & Navy stores. I since coming here we have
 given nearly a days pair of through it, making
 things with a view to a present for Mr. Elliott and
 or two things we thought suitable were after
 we were rejected on acct of the trouble & expense
 of them making separate packages. I have directed
 as a small lace pin with pearls. & for pair of
 wrought iron Cancellisticks. I for you to give
 a pair of electro-plated hem-ban dishes which look
 promising in the figure representing them. I thought
 it wd save you trouble & that you wd be glad
 to have them to hand, but it is far from a necessity
 that you shd take them. I will gladly have them
 for some future wedding gift. This list I have

sent to Rankine but I will write again
 & add your water proof things that are
 got as the stars are so satisfactory & on
 looking at the Catalogue I see there a
 good plain water proof can be got about
 \$5. I found it cheaply made shipping in Liverpool
 alone & when we return, besides the baby's two-
 hourly claim ^{with} ~~two~~ new dresses & the establishing
 a nursery department I cannot reasonably
 look forward to much help from E. Will
 you thank Clara heartily for her letter. I fear
 she will have to be content with her first
 choice to wit: I devoted my best attention
 looking in London I saw several shops in Liverpool
 before I decided, but I have got at last a simple
 pretty good & white trinker set (this is the right
 name) wh: I think will please her. Do you
 know that Isabel Thomas is engaged to a Dr.
 Lackart, a young medical man practising in
 Montreal? I have got a present for her also.
 This is an imperfect scrap. There is positively no news
 baby continues very good. The nurse has her constant
 & does not know where it all means get. but when nurse
 comes wh: she does immediately on one catch to town I expect
 we shall find a difference when a young girl takes her place