

Metic.

Wednesday Aug 2nd 1760

Many many thanks, my dear-
loved husband, for your letters
The printed one somehow I did
not exactly like, though it is a
curiosity, it seemed too fustian
in style, to have come from my
self. but the other one love! from your
own dear hand - was such a
comfort to me, & it so delighted
me to know that you had got
the first of my letters, that the
distance was at last bridged
over, & I had got words from
you in answer to mine.

It must have been "jolly" to spend
an evening with two old Collyer
friends, of course I remember your
speaking of them, & am delighted

that you sh^d have some friends
near, for strangers however in-
teresting or pleasant, are best
strangers after all - It was
a pity that you are so tired at
night - for the congregation
of celebrities at the Institute
must be every fascinating.
As I told you before you left
you will learn to chatter as
fast as your wife before you
return - When we go to Sweden
I shall hope to meet Dr. Nord-
ström, whom you like so
much -

As for that mean Perrault
I hope you will torment him
till he does give you those
photos of the College, what a
hateful creature he must be.
He ought to be exposed in the
newspapers -

And now dearest, will you
listen while I scold you just a
little - your letters are very inter-
esting, & more than welcome, but
I don't want you only to write
all pleasant things to me, I only
try to amuse me - your letter
to papa gave me more idea of
what you were really working
at, & how many worries were
left to you to make right. I
had hoped that, at least you
w'd have no regular work.
Don't be too earnest in setting
everything straight, I wear your
self out - long after the exhibition
is over, & people forget its mistakes
you will feel the effects of too
much work in this weather.
I can't but not forget dear heart
that now there is some one else to
be troubled & grieved if you are

in any way suffering & common
to whom you are all the world
now & so you must be careful -
how what do you mean by
being detained long? Have you
any idea how long you will
have to stay? Indecision is always
to me the worst of troubles, &
I wd rather know just how
long this wretched repatriation
is to last, if it - must be long,
than to keep on hoping & hoping
day after day, for what can
not be - I suppose I
really shd have been somewhat
of a trouble to you, had I gone
with you, though I am sure
you wd never have said so.
& so, I am glad I came but I do
find this aimless life very tire-
some, & I fear have been any-
thing but a timely addition to the

family here - of course it seems
 just the same as ever to them to
 have me here, but it is not at
 all the same to me, I cannot
 forget - that every day & hour I
 miss my Bernard - But now
 I am going to be really good, I
 read in a systematic manner
 I give Eva sketching lessons, if
 the lay child will agree, she
 is so unburdened. I looks very pretty
 she is out all day long, I row, I
 bathe, I wander, like a young
 savage - Also she is an adept at
 catching flies, & killing mosquitoes
 which is of much use in this
 region, as many of both varieties
 of torments, are to be found here.

The weather is charming, cloud-
 less sky, & warm sun, yesterday
 about 6 of us went in to bathe.

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& the water was quite clear and
(I remember the blating, it is my last
dred - of thin paper - I have
seen it in the water)
It is most laughable to see a
procession of young damsels in
bathing attire skipping over the
rocks to the sandy spot where we
bathe. Today, mamma & I went
in with Hankin & young Jerry
& it was capital fun. The boys
took me out in a o. cow, & I
had a delicious plunge into
deep water, out of the boat, &
a splendid swim to shore. Our
papa shocked to hear of such pro-
ceedings says it is freedom, my civil-
ized Bernard! I always feel
at home in the water, & only
wish we all always wear such
a delightfully easy costume as our
bathing suits. Civilized attire
certainly needs reform & we
yet might hear further improvement

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After our dip we sat on the shore in the warm sun, & I worked & mamma read till dinner time. - A party went over to Mt. Misery today, & we are to join them in the afternoon about 5^o. I have our tea there so I will defer the finishing of this till then.

Thursday morning Laila, Rankine, & I went to Mt. Misery as arranged, found all the party in that lagg state of enjoyment consequent on a long day in the open air, one group were reading aloud at the top of the cliff, & another reposing under the pine trees at its foot. Dr. Murray the good natured, was tending a fire & boiling the tea - when it was ready, a watering-pot & a

stick served as a tea-bell, & summoned all hands to partake of the refreshments. Sir Lewis, as usual furnished amusement by his absurd speeches, & sayings.

After tea there was the most wonderful sunset. Words quite fail me to describe it. but I intend to try & paint it, if I can. Then with the glowing sky in one side, & the white moon rising on the other we launched our boats, & slowly glided homeward singing catches, & songs. As it grew darker, a lovely phosphorescence became apparent at the dipping of the oars. It really was exquisite! But I always wonder why people don't sing hymns at such a time - instead of the earthy bare words which only sink into

the water & are lost. The won-
derful quiet, & beauty, are to me
like the still small voice in wh.
God spoke to the prophet, & I
long to answer in words of praise
to the great heart that loves us so!

Papa got into such a stage of fidget
about Wilhelm that mamma had
to explain why no news of him came.
I hope, today, to hear of how he has
fared. - Poor boy!

I find the Hist. of the Netherlands
letter & letter but have nearly fin-
ished the first vol. - I must wait for
the 2nd till I go home. I suppose
I know there are a hundred other
things I wd. say to you my dearest,
but - past time is here - Again thank
you love, for your letters, & all the
loving words it contained, wh. were
the greatest possible comfort to -
your most loving
wife - Anne

Papa posted a letter to you
yesterday by the 4th of mail
& I send this by the 10th of -
Please tell me what you
do not get out of
of the hour
I am
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