

July 25th
Metis

My dear Love,

I quite forget to
thank you for the stamps wh-
were very acceptable & we have
had to trot up & buy some
yesterday if I had not had yours.
Thoughtful old darling! As to the
question of not writing, if I did
promise to obey on that celebra-
ted 7th of June - did I not also
promise to love? & when I am
hundreds of miles away, & as I am
no believer in silent-love, what is
left to me but letter writing??
& also I am not altogether pre-
suaded that my obeying ev^{er} in this
instance be peculiarly pleasing to
my husband - Seriously dear heart
if sometimes it be a little effort to
write, it is always a great pleasure
& as I have believed you must let
me continue this time - if it is
really impossible for me to write
any day you must not be anxious
that is all -

yesterday there was tremendous
excitement, as a sad event oc-
curred, there are two Miss Whites
here in charge of Mrs Stevenson's child-
ren & with them another little
child a nephew of these said Whites
yesterday at dinner time Miss W.
as I rushed into Mrs Harry Scotts
with the poor little nephew
in convulsions, in her arms, Mrs
Scott sent down for mamma
& others, one flew for ice the
others put the child into hot
water the aunt lamenting & groaning
& saying she felt so badly till
mamma told her it was of no con-
sequence how she felt, that she
must assist in getting what was
needed - the 2nd Miss White man-
while rushed down to the door
& fell fainting in the hall. My
S. J. quite desperatly shook her
well, & told the servant to throw
plenty of cold water over her.

There is a Dr. ~~W~~ Nichols, a
homeopath staying somewhere near
Fenwick, & they sent for him
he approved of all that had been
done, & gave some of his wee pills

with directions for the future
A batch of bread had been left
unattended to in the kitchen &
when the fuss was over Mrs^s
youngest - hope, was found to
be twisting it - out in ^{pieces} ropes &
delightful stickiness - of the
whole affair was very sad & of course
one felt for those in charge of the
child away from its parents but
their behaving in such a manner
was unpardonable.

I went for a drive on Sunday
with Mrs Carpenter & mamma
as far as the light-house point
& felt rather tired when I re-
turned, but - not so overwhelping
by so as I have sometimes.

Last night the Darcy's & Mrs May
were at tea - Eva & Kate have
been begging to go over to the steamer
to receive the vegetables but
mamma would - allow them to.

William has changed his plan
& is to be here by the first steamer
may be here by Sunday or Mon-
day - Papa & Frankine return
about the same time, & we hope
you will be here by the end of the
week - Paas baby has had a

desperate cry this morning, reason
why? obscure - Finally he went
to sleep & repose, undisturbed &
undressed in his cradle -

The last two nights have been
very cold, wh does not at all
suit me, especially as I have to
hop up & down so much -
though Eric has been more quiet
the last two nights - I wonder
sometimes if he really fidgets so
much more here than at home
as if I sleep more lightly -

Mr Darcy was complaining
about seeing so little of you, &
I said I saw so little of you my-
self that I was only too glad to
stay quietly at home in the
evenings! He laughed & said "Oh
that will come to end me by
& by -" "Ah!" I replied "you are
talking treason, are you not?"
"Perhaps" he answered "but it is
true" - I do not believe it
do you love - I hope & trust we
shall always be growing nearer
& dearer to each other & not
more independent & careless -
In a world such as this we
have much need to pray that your
hearts may keep our love strong

and true & untarnished, of
ourselves we can do nothing.

Mina says that Mrs Casse's
baby is very pretty neither too
small or too large, plump & good.
also that its mamma only had
9 hours of pain wh. certainly
was very fortunate for a first
time.

My hands are getting brown
in spite of me - for I do little
pieces of work out on the gallery.
I also generally write there.

I have been reading "An apology
for the vindictive Psalm" wh.
seems to me rational & certainly
quite removes the difficulty, I want
to read it with you, I have your
opinion on it - As to the other
question about the human or
divine action, I don't think any
one can formulate a doctrine on
the subject - It touches too
much on the mystery of the Trinity
wh. while we are plainly taught
it we cannot fathom or compre-
hend.

With all love & hoping soon to
have a happy meeting
Very lovingly Anne