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Melias  
Sunday

My own dear Husband,  
Another wet Sunday has nearly passed. I did not try to go to church, & papa & mamma stayed in too, so we had a little quiet reading at home in the morning & then went to hear Bro. Fenwick at the hotel in the afternoon, he spoke of the manner of God's love towards us from 1<sup>st</sup> Jn 3:1. very earnestly & quietly, a number of people were there, though one missed some of the familiar faces. Your letter last night - was very welcome telling me that at least it seemed possible for you to get on in the dismal state of our home - still my thoughts have often wandered to you.

day, & I have hoped that  
some one nice has asked you  
to spend part of the day with  
them - You will let me know  
your further plans as soon as  
possible, as my writing about  
servants depends partly upon that.

I am hoping to hear that I can  
get Mrs Gardner, it will be quite  
a relief to have one point settled.  
I don't think she could have got my  
letter at all, for no answer has  
come to me - Hamilton's note  
turned up last night, the  
stamp had pasted it with  
a one cent stamp upon it -  
so of course it had gone to  
Boston -

When I heard that Maria  
was in town I was quite sorry  
that I had not given you "the  
tropics" it will have been such  
a nice opportunity for sending  
it safely - All William's things  
came to hand, & my little  
parcel held just exactly  
what I wanted, as it was

sure to do when my own  
thoughtful Bernard had put  
it up for me -

Do you know that I and  
his wife are going to England  
in a few days - What for! or  
how it connects with his getting  
on in his profession, I cannot  
imagine -

Eleanor Keefpath & I were  
talking about nurses the other  
day - & she said that her own  
experience had been one thing  
but good, that she had not  
begun to remember or repeat  
a tithe of the horrid objections  
& bad ways, & words, teaching  
& treatment, that had gone  
on in their nursery in the  
days of their childhood - I was  
quite discouraged & shocked  
at such a statement - for I am  
am sure that Mrs Keefpath  
never was a careless mother, &  
must have done her best to  
get nurses she believed to be  
worthy & respectable about her  
children - For myself, I never

anything objectionable in our  
nursery teaching, talking or  
treatment, but one evidently  
cannot be too careful in  
what they do - one certainly  
wants great & special wisdom  
to make a choice of the sort.

I went up & put Eric to bed  
myself, he was so good & so  
playful, though he seemed  
pretty when I went up first  
& then he went asleep with-  
out a sigh. I feel perfectly  
convinced that a wise nurse  
c<sup>d</sup> spare him hours of our  
poor irritation, one comfort is  
that after the new baby comes  
I hope that I will be able  
to devote myself more to the  
dear boy, at least I can  
take him up, & play with  
him without fearing to in-  
jure myself - Last night I  
had such a lovely sleep  
the best rest I have had for  
ever so long -  
This seems not to be a very  
cheerful letter, I don't know

why it - sh<sup>d</sup> not be so. & 2-

Tonight - we had a Bible lesson  
about the Fatherhood of God  
very interesting, only I got but  
a few ideas owing to having  
business fidgets in my feet.

Monday  
Still wet & very foggy could  
see even the water from the  
window. I must devote my-  
self to finishing my sketches  
& hope to catch time to read  
a great deal of Perez - Have  
you read any of it - since you  
got back?

It was rather nice of  
gr. grandfather to accept the  
\$30 as the final payment - I  
don't know how much he has  
remitted, but however much  
or little it is a sign of grace  
in him at last. I wish he  
c<sup>d</sup> be induced to send Louisa  
away to study music for a  
winter either to the States or  
the Continent - It w<sup>d</sup> only be  
giving her a year's rent of her  
mother's promised house; -

Mamma has not yet had  
her photo taken with Kaly, for  
his fat little face is still  
spotted with those mosquito  
bites, though now of course  
they are fading away.

I am thinking of buy-  
ing a picture with the in-  
tent of giving it to Jamie Labato  
if it turns out well, if not  
I must buy something when  
I get back - I hope they will  
be very, very happy, after this  
long wait.

With much  
love for you - little  
at - King his first  
attempt at calligraphy  
Very lovingly  
Gabe's  
Anna