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Dearest Bernard,

I received
your dear little note
today, for which many
thanks. I was thinking
of you all yesterday in
that soaking rain so
charming for the vegetable
creation, but not quite
so refreshing to travellers.
Still from your note, I
fancy you were either
in a vehicle or a boat
where at least yr. feet &
knees c^d be protected -
& this hot sun will
quickly dry even woods.
I sh^d think I am rather

sorry if your expectation
proves to short, for it
will scarcely be long enough
to enable you to get much
change, or to repay your
outlay in preparations
from another point of view
still it will be so much
less time taken from
your other "dear employ"
George left last night
(Thursday) he seemed ready
to go, Dear dear fellows,
Friday - Eve. & Tea at
Mrs Carpenters. Mamma
& papa seem to be having
every hospitality & attention
bestowed upon them, floral
offerings, banquets etc. etc.
While the lectures are
said to be an unparal-
leled success -

Waly has constituted her

self guardian of the family
in your absence, & in
order to do it well, thinks
it right - to sleep little -
but the great heat has
been quite enough to un-
settle the child - I have
not dared to feed her -
Eric was asking yesterday
"Where is all the air gone?"
I don't feel any - A very
pertinent question, in the
sultry state of the atmosphere

The cheerful "swells"
of whitewashers is to be
heard below stairs - In
deed I think it has been
heard much too long, as
they have spent the whole
morning over it. Of course
they sh^d not come when
told to - However we
get on apace - Tomorrow

will see the worst over
I trust -

I intend having the
barb for dinner tomorrow
it has grown in a night
like Jack's bean-stalk
& looks quite inviting

The spring beauties I have
dearly admired, also the
little curls of the ferns
coming up -

But - I must go &
relieve Jane & let her
have her dinner &
settle the knotty point
as to what summer
garments the chicks shall
don for the afternoon.

With all love dear
Yours
Anne