

Friday

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Dearest Love -

Dear changing
summer seems to have be-
gun in earnest. William
here for a brief visit, now
gone, & I fear one of the
Wilsons - Mamma seems
rather to have modelled
her offer of hospitality to
them, & I intend to leave
her to straighten it out
I consider it an entire
mistake to have visitors here
at all as things are, Mamma
has been busy with all
sorts of fusses, & was about
to settle down to rest, &
certainly she will get none
if the so visitor is here, I
have no time to do the
polite except in the after-
noon I will not make time

at the expense of the children
still - if only Mrs W - does
not elect to come, family
is quite different

Little Clare continues
to advance wonderfully & she
is ragsish & funny & smart &
exceedingly - manages the
affairs of the older ones or
tries to - mamma evidently
admires her spirit & force
of character -

The other children
bathe capitally now, & it
is a real pleasure to see
how they enjoy the water -
I wish I could teach Eric to swim
but - by the time I get them
both undressed, in & out
of the water, & again clothed
I feel I have been quite
long enough unclotted my-
self & do not care to stay
longer in the water -

What an extraordinary thing
this stealing of the Smiths
child was & its restoration

seems still more strange.
Another instance of the dis-
advantage of money.

I have strawberry
jam on hand today, if
I wish I had more as then
it wd be over & occupy no
more time, as it is the berries
come in slowly - Hannah
seems to have set her
heart upon an enormous
quantity, why I don't know
I have treated

you disgracefully lately
about letters (my defer
but I think of you often
& always dear I long for
the time when we shall
be together again -

Please tell Eva that
she need not look out
for the Wilsons as they have
come right through

My dear dear
husband - à Dieu -

Lovingly
Anne