

Little Lutes,
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Dearest - Bernard,

I am quite
fatigued with reading the
papers, an occupation I am
never much addicted to, &
now I feel obliged to look
over the endless accounts of
meetings & papers. I find
it indeed a weariness to the
flesh & spirit -

You are all, I conclude
in a mad storm of excitement
as no one has obliged me to
write to me for the last three
or four days. Florence accepted,
& she launched her own way,
& told me very little of what was
going on - Dr Wilson
of Ball resembles the picture
of him in the "Star" he has entirely
out-grown my remembrance of
him - I could not trace a line or
feature of his face, as I knew
it - The announcement of papers

knighthood, seems to have come
in well with the grand fête
in hand - I am amused to
see that the Ass-contemplative
leaving various donations
behind them as souvenirs to
Mc Gill, they must be sensitive
to an attitude or air of mendacity
at least - the college for secretly
no one wd attempt to beg of them.
Complaints, I see are made of
the seats at the Med. School if
really so uncomfortable, it is
vain to keep the students on
hard & uncomfortable seats, ~~as is~~

The bliviers left today, &
Mary has gone home, so I suspect
rather a troubled week Kate
has been so very sleepless at
night lately, I fancy she must
be trying to cut her back teeth
Mrs Wadsworth's baby has just
got one through. If Jennie
can't manage her, I will have
to take her at night - myself I
suppose - but I hope not for
I feel so tired all the time
now, that I don't think getting
up at night wd agree with
me. The other children have
been troubled with Diarrhoea
again, I can't imagine what
gives it to them, it seems to
be of a mild chronic sort, not

a sudden attack that one
can more easily deal with
I have wondered if the milk
c^d be wrong in any way, but
half lives on it - I has no such
trouble - & as to water, they
scarcely ever drink it - There
have been very scarce here
we have only twice had blueberries
because we c^d not get them
while raspberries have not been
offered for the last 10 days -
If they continue troubled in
this way it might be worth
while getting some chalk or
other remedy - I have nothing
but iron, & Chlorodyne, I think
in Clara's case it is mostly from
liver inactivity she is so very
cross - & she seems to me to think
I have none of that - - - acid
or w^d have given it - knows
were very useful to her before -
& I have given her lemon juice
though I doubt its being very
efficacious talking of remedies
where the fear of being more badly
handled - I wonder if those
confections of senega or such are
any good for I fear I shall
have to resort to some such
doses if I continue as uncom-
fortable as I have been lately
& I suppose I am not likely
to improve, till I am married

The poor Kidpatts had a great-fright-last-night - they have had constant fires & the arrangements of their fireplace must-have-been-defective for the beams below became so heated as to take fire & there was a great-to-do - but-the-damage-is-slight-I-believe. The child is quite better, but Dr J. says they had a bad time with it & several people obliged to force its mouth open to see or operate on its throat.

We have had all kinds of temperature here today chiefly cold & wet, & I am sitting here with a warm wrap on, but on going to the door find the air warm & moist - as that of a greenhouse - I must read go to bed, I trust to adding a few lines on Sunday -

Sunday

I have at last got all the means to bed. Baby has been perfect-little-thing since Mary left - nurse who always seemed so nicely to manage her before seems quite wanting in tact & management - now she is in charge. Unfortunately I had to put her to bed last night &

tonight - Last night our mail
would not arrive before tea
& tonight - being Sunday, so Ruth
shalt's for Amos on all oc-
casions, & despises Annie,

I was disappointed not to
hear from you as to what
you thought - as to getting
Annie back - I hoped you
might - have some news of her
from Lowell, or otherwise besides
your mere opinion, & I know I
ought to write it - once if I wish
her - of course if I could get a
really competent nurse, they
treasure I have so long looked
for - I could prefer it, than of the
ordinary nurse-maid style,
I should - being more fastidious
I had greatly wished to get
word if see what was to be had
I also Annie's health before de-
ciding, but - she may take an-
other place any day, & I ought
to decide

As to Jennie the cook I have
been speaking to her, & think on
the whole I will keep her - the
furnace is her great little nois
& she faithfully promises to
try & please me with the washing
the more particular with the
cooking, & generally support all
the old comforts & troubles of the new
baby.

if I relieve her of that, & it strikes
me that on the whole some ar-
rangement - as to snow & furnace
may be more easily made & at
less expense than if I have a
washer-woman in.

The usual cattle trouble has
been in force lately - horses were
turned out of the garden lately &
Jugs have been daily hunted &
rally destroyed so much - I found
today some kind-hearted person
had let down the bars of the fence
between us & Dr. Trenholm's, over
the edge of the bank - where runs
the pig path so Eric & I had to
rebuild it - neither easy or very
satisfactory in result; it events
much more effectual repairing
them. Deers - Mother's gate looks
again broken open - & I must
have it nailed up again. Mac
sent digging for \$1.00 last week, he
said he was ill with cholera -
I fancied we owed him better
for a month or a part of one -
so did not like to refuse, but he
has never been to attend to his
duty since, & I will have to hunt
him up I suppose.

The Kaways go tomorrow, the
Kewards Tuesday, about 7 am at
the hotel - Mr. Kaway is aware of this
one of the reception meeting he was
quite enthusiastic over it, it is a com-

part to have one man about the
place if ^{ever} at such a distance
We have had showers & mist
on & off all day, but - the temp -
quite warm -

Don't trouble yourself as to
that novel of B. Lytton's, stories are
in any case a snare, I'd flourish
better on snare solid 'good' I set
up half the night - recollecting that
"Shirley" which is a powerful
& clever book of quite an unusual
type - The Arabian Nights has
not - come - Eva c^d send you a
copy to bring - I daresay Fisher
has been over head & ears like
everyone else - on account of the
grand things - I have had no
word from any of your people
since you left - I hope they are
well, perhaps you have heard -

The Kennard's dog bit - Eric
a few days since - not in any
& the bite being through his
trousers scared, more than
wounded the skin, still I has-
tened to apply Carbolic Acid,
rather in severe measure I fear
for the burn is worse than the
bite, however neither are I
hop^d of any consequence -

Please make Marguerite
sweep & dust the house I leave
it in some part of order for us
she needs a little 'turgin' now &

days - she wd not. I fear do
much of her own free choice & accord
centers hidden -

Wheat. a long rig - ma role for
letter, I get very little in it after
all. I don't think I shall write
to you any more, you don't
observe it, you have written so
little to us - I trust you are
well & happy - in any case
be sure you inquire how long
Lybil wd intend to stay -

Learn to the smellers
in the College - I was telling
the children of the letters of their
grandparents, & Clara immediately
inquired " & who is Aunt Euanobry
obviously thinking the process
of transformation had been an
extensive one - - We shall all
be very very glad to have you
with us again - if that to be
decided -

Most Affectionately yours,
Anna