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Dear William,

If you can stand a scrap of a letter written, in a ~~room~~ already pretty well occupied with confusion, I'll devote a few moments, or a few scattered thoughts to you, in reply to your letter rec'd today.

I am very glad that you have been so honest with me, if possible that shall hasten my visit to you - & when I come I want you to make your plans to take Elsie - & no one beside - some where away from home

for one week certainly, &
if it can be arranged all
around, for a longer time,
I have been thinking that
perhaps you'd not be able
to leave me a Sabbath, in
which case you must start
Monday morning, & not get
home till Saturday night.
Ellie is to be taken to some
quite restful place, not
right seeing, & tramping,
& rushing about, but to rest.
For all I am laying down
the law - If it can be ar-
ranged for her to stay two
weeks (at my "restful work")
do make the better. In
the mean time I am
willing to undertake "bracing"
five of your, & one of my

own children - or rather my
one own child. I don't
think this will be a dream
but a reality, at no very
remote date. I can't now
possibly tell when however.
I am waiting for George.
Oh! I am so kind waiting!
I can have no plans till
he comes home, or I hear
that he is not to be home
for a good while - - I wish
when I come, to stay quite
a long time - I shall not
say how long, you might
be scared at the prospect -
& I have many plans for
that time - perhaps some
of them may be carried
out.

I am so sorry for dear
Ellie, poor child! I am
dreadfully sorry for her. I
think she is a wonderful
woman any way, for into
all her cares, she is always
so pleasant. I keep with
your aged family, it seems
perfectly silly to say she must
try to save herself, but, I
do beg her to try to ease
her self till I can let her
go for a rest.

I am so glad you have not
written to Mother to come to
you, she enjoys being with
you, I think more than
she tells, & then beside her
feeling that Jennie has taken
the one most left alone, and
the most separated from all

You seem Chas is not slight 2^d - Louisa

The family, she is in so much better health than she has been for a great while, that it would seem sad indeed to hurry her away from a climate that agrees with her so well. I think you needs Mother more than any one else now any way. Mother is in great demand, isn't she?

I am sure I can't agree with you in thinking there is no work to be done, how can there be any thing but work, in such a family as you have, you know it must be "all hands to the pumps".

I must say again that I am very glad you have written as

you have to me William,
I shall neither read, nor
repeat your letter to the
Humphreys, at least nothing
that in any way might
make them think any less
of you, the letter is mine,
it shall continue so. I
believe as much as any thing
that you (& Elsie & Jennie) think
every thing of us as m^{rs} & of
you. In sympathy with
you in your troubles, but, you
know 'tis not always possible
to prove it, at all times.

I have at last finished
my Debutant work for the
Summer & as I have been at
it for 't'm months, you may

fancy I am relieved.

I am pretty well - I had
not been feeling so splendidly
since I went to "Abroad"
as I have for some months
past, till about the week
ago, I had one of my "spells"
neuralgia of the stomach,
I have very sick indeed for
a day & a night had the
Doctor several times, and
finally hypodermic (?) injections
to relieve the pain - which
from the starting point went
pretty much over my whole
body (you know I am quite
subject to these turns) since
then I have not felt like my
self at all, though I am taking

a trace. The night I was
the sickest, my darling baby
was taken in another room
to sleep - the first time
in his two little years - the
very first he has slept away
from me, that was hard!
Excuse me, I forgot I was
writing to you, thought all
the time it was Ellie.

Well! I have been up and
down countless times since
I began this, but trust you
will be able to read part
of it, or guess, at least, the
rest. With dearest love to
Ellie, & the children

I am
Your sister

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