

Cape Town, 6 Nov. 1863

My dear Loui,

Many thanks for your
Q Fan's kind letters of 20th
October, which I received yesterday.
The same Mail brought also Julia's
longer letter to Jennie of the 13 Oct.,
and Fan's one to Nellie of the same date.
First, Jennie is so very much
better. The nurse has already been
dismissed for a few days. The Doctor
appears only very rarely. Jennie has
leave to go out, &c. Poor little Bella
seems suffering much from cutting
her teeth; - a curious strong pain
coming off and on on the top of her
left shoulder. Nothing is visible;
but it seems as if two small veins
there were in some way affected by the
process. - She sometimes cries with the
pain, - though otherwise she is very
hardy. - Perhaps some overfatigue in
walking may have told also upon her.
On Tuesday last Nellie, Bella and I
went more than half way up the Docks
camp, - to the house and farm of Mr. Markens,
the

the Librarian, where we scrambled
much about in the orchard. The sun
was very hot, when we went, and not
knowing the road, we walked up a
very steep path. Nellie enjoyed it
exceedingly; and it did her a great
deal of good; but it was probably too
much for poor Bella and even for me,
though I did not feel the effects at
once. Wednesday ^{night} however, I was perfectly
done. I had been writing all the morning
without interruption, till one o'clock,
dinner; and I seem not yet able to do so
much. I feel as yet not good for much;
though better;—and so must not write
much more. The Mail closes now $\frac{3}{4}$ of an
hour earlier than formerly. Jennie, who
has been much interrupted by baby last night,
is just dressing her, after which she will
probably have to give her breakfast, dress
herself and have breakfast. So I am
afraid, she will not be able to write this
time, not having done so yesterday;—on which
day we had many interruptions. Nellie
will have this morning to do Bella's
work in addition to her own;—so she
will

will probably have no time either. To
morrow we shall be thinking very
much of you dear Lou;—and be
wishing you all possible happiness
in the ^{new} year then beginning for you,
and in all those many ones which we
hope will still follow. We so hope things
will turn out so much better than
our short foresight is able to
anticipate them;—and that you
will, indeed gain again strength
and health sufficient to let you
enjoy existence. As to the children,
things have turned out so much
better than any one could foresee;—
and I believe we all may look with
some satisfaction upon the way, in
which they are at present situated;—
and for them at least your father's
departure has for the present, I believe,
been rather a benefit than otherwise.
A few days ago I had by the Queen of
the South a letter from Miss
Townsend, dated 18 Sept. 1863. The
following extracts may interest
you. "Whilst it occurs to me I must
mention two things; the first, is that

That when calling on Mrs. Colenso
last week, she told me that the Bishop
had been in Germany for ten days, &
that she had last heard of him from
Dresden, with whose glorious picture
gallery he was greatly delighted.

... Mrs. Colenso & the two boys & little
Agnes who were at home were quite
well & gave good accounts of
Harrie & Fanny who are still at school.

"Secondly, about 10 days since
whilst I was at 79 Pall Mall
(Gospel Propagation Society) talking
to Mr. Bealock, Mrs. Black's
father the Revd. Mr. Lloyd came
in and remained for an hour or
more talking about Natal &
its bishop & clergy. He recognized
me at once, & I was glad to hear
that Mrs. Lloyd was quite well."

Jemima sends her best love to you
all, and many thanks for the
letters, which she is very sorry
she cannot answer at once. Polley
is very well; - be this not a bad
omen, would a superstitious woman
of mine have added to this promise
with best love to you all your affection

From Mary

Dear Mr. Colenso