

Bonn on the Rhine,
21 August 1869

My dear Lucy,

You will already have seen
from Jennie's letter that
you may expect us to return
to the Cape on the steamer
leaving England the 15th
October next. But is our
present intention, and what
the doctor advises. Many
thanks for your letters of July 3rd.
You were quite right in keeping the
Fulah Grammar, i. e. not sending
us after us. The MSS. ^{& papers} you sent, had
of course to stop in England till we
return there in the latter part
of September. Many thanks, however,
for them. — I feel so very grieved that
you have been so much suffering
again, but trust that you have some
recovered your strength. — I am sorry
you did not get the newspapers we sent
but perhaps they may have come by
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a following Mail. - I dare say the
missing parcel for Natal has also
been recovered. I am so sorry for
the trouble & anxiety you
must have had with the ~~stuffs~~
Mr. Middleton's fault seems to
be; but I suppose he is for-
tunate in getting even the stationer's
mistake. - Your money anxieties
will have been won at an end,
I trust, particularly through
Aunt Mary's gift. - When
I wrote last, we were at
Sobrenheim. - I went there on
Sunday ^{& the day} morning to Bonn in order
to consult Dr. ~~Veit~~ on account of
Jennie. Monday afternoon I was
again in Sobrenheim. Tuesday
Mutter came from Gebroten
to Sobrenheim, - and Wednesday
afternoon Mutter, Hedwig, Jennie,
Edith & I left for Bonn.
Thursday 12th Dr. Veit performed a
slight operation on Jennie, who
had in consequence to keep her bed
for two days. - They Mutter & Jennie
had then much talk with ~~Dr. Veit~~

regarding our return, & his advice
is that we return before the
confinement, - which he thinks
decidedly preferable to her return-
ing afterwards with a baby,
particularly with one which
is ~~born~~ brought up by hand.
Jennie after a few days was much
better, and we have been out more,
as well as visiting, as ~~at~~ sitting in
garden, admiring the view.
But to day (Sunday 22 Aug.) she has
a sore throat, and ~~several~~ cold,
caught probably yesterday, and is kept
in bed. - We have very raw weather
already, and every thing promises an
early winter. - I do not know whether
you will have heard of Julia directly
by this Mail. So I merely write
to say that we had letters from
her & Lina from ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Baden~~
and Frankfurt, ^{the day} before
yesterday they will have
reached Badenweiler.
We trust they are well. We ~~shall~~
however, not expect to hear
from them before tomorrow.
Jennie reminds me to say that
we

that we have no objection to
the first stool "Gente Bentha"
having a new ~~stool~~ - Edith
sends twenty "Thank you" to
you for the new Table Top.
and she wants to mention particularly
to tell you a Kate that she is
learning German. - I think
you were right refusing Miss Reddy
I trust the removal of young Mrs Red
into the unfinished house has not
damaged her seriously. - In many
ways I wished we were safely back
again at the Cape; I assure
my we shall much enjoy seeing even
Table Mountain again, not to speak
of you there. We are now looking out
for a maid to accompany Jennie to the
Cape. I wonder whether you have got
Mrs. Banwell for her for December.
We have not heard of the Rutherfords
anything. But I must close. In
weeks after the arrival of this letter we
may, we trust see you. Best love to Fanny
a kind regards to Kate. Yours aff. W.