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Dearest Brothers

You can fancy how glad I was to get your dear long letters by Horseman when Wilhelm joined me at Hawkhurst on the 11th - Richard Burne having left them here at our lodgings the evening before. It made me so glad my dear dear fellows to know that things had been going pretty smoothly with you & that even dear Tom had kept tolerably well & able for work as I know how that wd help thro' the dreary time. Your letter of May 12th by Hinalaza which reached us on the following -- (June 24th) ~~stay~~ Tuesday I think (the 15th) did not bring such good accounts but I had feared that some reaction must come after all the fatigue of your removal & so many other things.

I need not tell you^{of} what interest were all the things that you told us. I fear that our letters must be very shabby ones this time. Wilhelm who has already told you partly why. I suppose he does not like the idea of any^{thg} being known at the Cape while in process. You can fancy that with him scamping all London all day with different letters of introduction, calling again to find people in et cet at my time is much taken up in keeping his coats brushed et cet seeing that he gets good food^{quels} whenever he comes in for it, & doing any other little thing that I can to help him in this busy anxious time.

Then of course there ^{is} Edith with all her little
needs, then mother to answer, people calling,
trying to get ones ^{wash} clothes sorted & put by et cetera
(I have not unpacked one of our Hawkhurst
boxes yet) And then one gets so tired out
that there is nothing for it but snatching
any spare quarters of hours to try and
get somewhat rested & better tempered
if possible. I was so much better
after the stay at Hawkhurst (as soon as
I'd a little recovered the overfatigue of
journey back here) that the first week
in London was comparative play, some of it
almost pleasant indeed from feeling
so much more up to things.

on the ~~Monday~~ Tuesday (the 15th) Mr Fisher
& Miss Brown lunched with us (the latter
accidentally) (she asked me one time to remem-
ber her to you both) Pessie with Carry Berens
called in afternoon. Edith, mother & I started
out together in her direction & then we two
called at the Richard Burnes, Miss Ricketts
(Aunt Abby's friend), The Webers (our niece's
whose wife called in our absence) & Mr Fisher
of Eaton Place. The latter had also called
while we at Hawkhurst. She was the only
place where they were not out. Poor thing
she is such a sad wreck of what she
was. She seems quite unable to get over
poor Mary's death. She was very kind &

seemed really pleased to see me. He too, but
he looks well & happier than in old days
I thought. The 16th Wednesday I forget. One of them
Augusta Heinrich (of doom formerly) called
& seemed so pleased to see Edith for the like of
to the Bleeks. She is a pleasant sensible
woman. Teaches music now for many
years in London. Dr Bleek was her guardian
one. The 17th Thursday very busy with Wilhelms
indeed as per p. 12 with out clear copy et
cetera. Friday 18th Mary Lenon & her sister lunched here
afternoon. Edith & I walked to Aunt Carrys who
was in & kind, looking so much better for her
Coulson visit more like her old self.
Oh the Byrons asked us to Coulson in this week
as I speak of but their letter being misdirected
never reached us & when they wrote again in
wonder at no reply it was too late as they
left for Scotland (fishing intentions on Edith's part)
this Friday. I was very vexed at it at the time
there was O I should have liked more for all our
sabbies than another bel of country & see, that old
place & let July again & the young ones with their
children but I dare say it was best so, as
this w'd either have delayed Wilhelms travelling
all after his business just then beginning
(he is worth trying well for if attempted at all)
or he w'd have been alone here in day, not taking
proper care most likely - going back to cold
air of Coulson for the night. and as he
so fortunately lost his cold in that week
change to Oxford Hawkhurst it is worth
so much to prevent his catching one
again dear fellow.

Oh on Sunday the 13th we had gone in afternoon to see the Edm^d Lenous at Kottin hill.
On Wednesday the 16th Wilhelm dined at the Bormvillers.

On Friday the 18th of wh I was last writing, after Aunt Carrys we joined Wilhelm here & went to call at the Library of British Museum.

He a nice kindly old man. The ill.

A pleasant niece in law. Nephews there.

Saturday 19th - Pepsie lunched here & spent afternoon in course of wh Aunt Juey unexpectedly appeared also & stayed a nice long time. She had run away in dread of her first lonely Sunday at Coulston & was in Baker St for 3 nights. He was very kind & nice. Her old young amusing self. Wilhelm coming in for cocoa there was much laughing & general fun.

She spent the following Sunday even [20th] with us, Wilhelm & Edith having spent all its afternoon at the Zoo. I stayed at home being tired & wanting to brush clothes write to Juey (whose letter of the previous Tuesday I enclose to you in case she herself shd not write much) & get ready for Aunt Juey who I'd asked to come early -

Since that day I've been beginning to feel so very tired & weak again. My face aches also trying daily to come back.

Oh Pat? I'd written long letter to L. M. name
dear

asking him for any introduction in his power
that will help Wilhelm in this thing.

Monday 21st - we were to spend day with
the Edsens, but I managed to get E &
myself under weigh a little earlier &
go to Mrs Plumer Ward, en route to
ask her help also (in case there might be
such an influential Anson of her family
left) for Wilhelm. She was very
kind - seemed really pleased to see me
again. We then went on to Holly Hill
where Wilhelm joined us in the evening
for high tea. Ned came home from the
city also. They were very kind. Maurice
& Edith had much play together.

Tuesday 22nd - a very dead day. At 7^o I
say goodbye in morning, finding me still
in dreary gloom after 11 - Mrs Ward
called in afternoon to offer to forward a letter
to Prime Minister so that it really should reach
him. Wilhelm to Rene to find Hooker who is not
back yet.

Wednesday 23rd. Mary Elizabeth kept with the
eldest of Williams daughters a girl of 15 who
called in afternoon for some time. After
and Wilhelm having a business respite took
E & H to Hyde Park for a breath of fresh
air & some quiet. I feel the constant
street noise here so bad. Oh Weber
called 1st in afternoon. Tells me to

rest, rest, & poi rest; & to take tonic
often. he says it is London who is
making me weaker not god for me
generally just now & this brings
neuralgia et cetera back.

Sady 24th nobody has been & we are finally
for the mail before going out.

Dear Brothers I've tried to give you
this scrawly resume of the past fortnight
might think it may be better than none.
And now I want to ask you dear
Tom kindly to write to Mrs Banach
for me (or see her if you like that best)
& ask her if still disengaged from
the middle (say 15th) of December next
until the middle or end of January
to keep that time for me. I don't
think I need her before abbe
Xmas day but being in the country
it is best to have her before
the 15th I think, do not you?

I should want her of course for the first
four weeks at any rate, so perhaps
it is best to say till the end of January
to ensure not being left before one
is fit to do without her. of course

this way with cost more. but in
such a thing I think its hard & wise
to mind that. If she is engaged
of course I must learn it ^{soon}
by chance of whom I get when
I come.

I don't know if I've omitted anything
I wanted particularly to tell or ask you
dear Brothers. save to remember me most
kindly to Kate. & when writing to Natal to
give my kindest love to Papa & by
love to Mum Ah & Edith, & by thanking
to dear Helen for her last notes.

much Henry & much Maudie & Wilhelm seemed
to get on happily together. I enclose at Chas
last little note of ~~Edith~~. Lady Herschel
asked after you both & asked me to ^{confer} give
my love to dear Fanny & Lucy. Isabella
was away. & we had time for so short
a call that I did not ask for any other
who not have been at home. Grand
children were playing on the terrace
& nice Gordon boys et cetera. She had called
one afternoon or last then & seen me
& asked me to come & being well
she was very civil. I had nearly said kind
but I do not quite believe her -

Goodbye my dear Jean & Louie
With best love

Your own

Jessie

Have had a very kind letter from

Al in answer to mine. doing to
what he can to help.