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there. Wilhelm came in for about 20 minutes but
it was one of his very busy mornings & he could not
do more. They asked much after both of you dear
brothers as all have done whom I have yet seen.
They are very sorry that I can give them no better
accounts of my dear fellows' healths. Either that afternoon
or the previous one Wilhelm took Edith & I to Regent's
Park (we making a fruitless attempt on the way
to find out Miss Lloyd (Puff) & she rowed her able
on the pretty piece of water & then to her great
delight. On returning home we found that Agnes
to Arnold (an American) had called again (I had
asked her to look in one evening & spend it with
us as that was her best chance of seeing
Wilhelm) but would not stay for us saying
very thoughtfully that she had to be
alone. I think I told you in my last letter of
the first visit. Saturday 26th seeing the late
mail reached Plymouth the yesterday Wilhelm
drove with Edith the first thing to Richard Harne
& daylight back the other. Dear Brothers I need not
tell you how very glad we were to get them
or how rejoiced them while Wilhelm after a
hasty glance at the news what were the news of
your dear fellows, went on to his different ap-
pointments etc. In the afternoon when he had
finished all that was possible for that week we went
into Hyde Park for a stroll & Wilhelm took us on
the Serpentine where the big trees have been made
gracefully dirty & choked with weeds. Still Edith
enjoyed it very much & we too in some ways
only I that Wilhelm a little overdone his chest in
rowing us back against both wind & current
when we had not sufficiently calculated upon
it & he had to be very careful for a few hours.

I had heard from Wilhelm (God) that day & he came
all the past with his little girl Louisa. A much
less common looking one than the eldest who had been
to see us with Mary as I think I told you in my last
very well behaved & poor child she was. Wilhelm
is rather altered poor fellow since I saw him last
the cause of providing for his nine children seems
to weigh heavily on him. He seemed a little strange
& shy or stand off at first I suppose on account of
them being welcome as a new feature in our household
but he got comfortable for he & stayed till nearly
11 o'clock. 27th Sunday morning we rested late & then
did some business with all Wilhelm unknown
in a day & in the afternoon when after that was
sufficiently finished started for a stroll in
the Park in the direction but after being out
for some time by fault of looking too far we
wandered in Labyrinth of new streets & squares
it was not until we reached the main square
all the past. Miss Coulson (Ellen) & I were in
(Dear Mother being at Church). The former was kind
pleasant. I fancy the contact with Mother she
those years has somewhat improved her.
I think she was pleased to see Wilhelm & Edith
coming to call as well as me. (Continued July 7th morning)
Monday 28th Oh that I Thursday Afternoon the 24th
I think of all events on one of those days Wilhelm
having to go to New again to try & hooker find Hooker at
home (he has been away in Russia etc) took us with him
for the sake of giving Edith a little rest as he found
Hooker at home & pleasant he signed willingly. He is president
of the Anti-Slavery Association this year at least until the meeting
when he will be requested to retire I think. Wilhelm
has been asked to read some papers there & so he has
it & he has & it is to be read in the Anti-Slavery Society
at the Anti-Slavery Society & it is a very interesting & good

at it I do not quite know. It was sweet & pleasant
on the garden but we had not much time to spare
there before our return train as Wilhelm was going
to dine with the Bunyons (Mrs Colenso's brother). As
it was got there only just in time after dropping in
a tremendous hurry. They had asked us both, but I at
last declined having the one with whom it wd be worse
safe to leave Edith. Well to return to

Monday 28th Wilhelm busy in morning. In afternoon
took me out to get some sort of head dress in wh to
go to the Richard Burnes who had asked us both to dine
there that evening, but only I accepted for dinner
(he wanted much to introduce me to his wife & show
me the children) - Wilhelm to come afterward as
soon as Edith was asleep. It was a bitter East
wind wh blew off y vest & prepared a bad face ache
for me against the morrow. He afterward took Edith
to see some wonderful glacé wh are to be seen at a place
in Regent st. while I went on to get white gloves & one
or two other little things I wanted. Then home to
find an important document permanently from Oxford
where it had gone to Marchmont & busy rubbing
it up, ironing it so as to be all ready for Wilhelm's
next proceedings in the morning. Then to dress
(in Aunt Carry's pretty grey more antique, high frill to the
Burnes. They were pleasant & very kind, but I was feeling
tired & not very well so that the evening was rather a drag.
Wilhelm did not come for me till very late. his & Edith's
tear it at having been too late & so she very late to bed.
I liked to see Richard in his home. he seems very happy
with his wife & children. They have two fine healthy boys.
Tuesday 29th having been awake much of night with face
ache wh continued also most of the day was very good
for nothing. In the afternoon who I should appear
but Aunt & Jack. Oh by the bye in the middle of

Goodbye dear brothers as I must keep all my strength in case of
needing it ^{tomorrow}. Your own Johnnie.
That Tuesday morning Wilhelm had come in to tell
me (after a visit to Sir George Grey) that we
might go start for Bonn on the following Thursday
if I'd be ready so soon (as regard packing it at) but
as yet I had been too poorly to do more than rest. Dear
Aunt Juy hearing this begged me to let her send Martha
(her maid) up the following morning to help me pack
mine, Edith's etc, & I said I must keep her till we started.
I accepted thankfully seeing she really meant it
& I spare here; Aunt Juy stayed ~~at home~~ until train
time drawing near obliged her to start. She was like
her dear old self that day. I mean even still more than on
the Saturday & Sunday she had been with us.
Wednesday morning ^{30th} Mr. Wolley came abt 11 by appointment
Wilhelm having had to go to French (Arch bishop of Dublin) by appoint-
ment also was out but came in just for a few moments before
Mr Wolley went. Poor old fellow, soon he looks well but
is almost stone deaf now & having unfortunately left his
ear tube at home at half-moon street where he was staying with
his niece for a night or two previous to going with her to the
Isle of Wight. He says that she is also nearly blind now
one eye being of no use to him & the other very little.
They do look very dim. He seemed really glad to see me again
& somewhat interested to see Wilhelm & Edith. He did not stay
long. Of course I was by this time in the very middle of
packing, we having begun the night before a little, & expecting
Martha momentarily. On the previous forenoon Mrs
Plume Ward called to see what Wilhelm was doing as regards
what we had asked her help in & also to see how I was.
She was very kind. It is a real pleasure to see her.
So return to Wednesday Martha arrived. I set her
to do Edith's box & then pack but of course I had the
whole time also to unpack sort things & set a pack
too so far as interruptions wd let me or we should never
have been ready, as it was we wd hardly get done in
time to get to train on Thursday afternoon. & without
Martha's help wd was great tho' of course imperfect

in kind, we could not have been ready before the Friday or Saturday. (I am writing now on Wednesday morning the 7th July & being somewhat tired shall now chime for awhile).

Afternoon. A telegram came from Lina Forster this afternoon with not at all good news of our dear Juey. I cannot but feel anxious about her, tho' I feel as sure as one can without actually seeing that she has the best of care. I have just now written to Lina begging her to tell me frankly how or what Wilhelm or I can do to help, & if my coming to Berlin, tho' I can do so little, will be any good or comfort to either poor Juey or herself, to telegraph to us at once to do so. & we shd then probably start to-morrow night. Most likely leave Edith here with the Aunties. I do so wish dear Brothers we'd give you later news than this, but I fear post & another line to-morrow on the chance will be of no use. ~~at all events~~ It is a comfort to feel there is the bi-monthly mail. It was only yesterday that we got the first news of her being very poor & ~~order~~ unable to go the proposed journey with Lina who had of course postponed hers also to stay & take care of Julia. She writes to Hedwig in a most loving way abt Julia. Fortunately it is holidays just now so she has all her time ~~to spare~~ at her own disposal. I perhaps put in Juey's last letter if I can find it in time.