

Brylton 11th Nov
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Dear Charles.

I did not write
 last mail as I was in the
 midst of my arrangement for
 the removal of Lizzie from Mrs
 Hays. I had to make a close
 investigation of all the schools
 open to receive her. I could
 be looking for strongly re-
 commended to me by Mrs E
 Bristol & Mrs Galloway Lizzie
 appears quite pleased with her
 school mistress Mrs Charlton
 & says she thinks she will
 benefit more in one week under
 her she could have done in
 a month with Mrs Hays - in-
 cluding all the aid she could
 give - When I determined to

Little Letter from Mr. Kaye. I
gave her the choice between a
school & going to live with me
on the Continent. I have Mrs. Toog
or any other lady as director &
employ mistresses. - & as she goes
we good reasons for preferring a
school in England. I set about
selecting the best. I could find
in Brighton - but I do not
mean to trust any one as far
as I did Mrs. Kaye. I mean to
remain a week or two here to
see how Little is treated & managed.
Then I must try to find a place
where I can pass the winter if I do
not go home. Little has promised
she will write you all her adventures
& prospects by this or going month
I'll be dead to lock. Wednesday & Saturday
afternoon to her. Tomorrow Little
has the 24th Feb. when the British
letters will be posted by the mail which
leaves Southampton on the 16th Feb.

The advantages of Brighton & Hove
are for schools. That are the best notions
in London or even England - especially in
these places. & what are the school plans
for girls of the country? The school at which
Little is - is situated in the finest and
most beautiful part of the town - with
fine large private grounds & access to
the sea beach - only to be used by the
houses in the square and terrace - of
Sussex square. - There are no end of schools
in the same spot. I have to New Lodge
in Brighton at £5.3.0. per week - very
dear considering the nature of the house
- but I think I will try a place further
South - before I was. - but at present
I can form no plan - I am quite satis-
fied that Little is well placed as far
as comfort is concerned - a good house
sheltered & sunny - with room to herself
& good fires and will get - & the mistress
would my inspection at any time.
- but Brighton for me is most un-
interesting - it is a black & grey night
blackness - resorted to just now by
hundreds who drive up & down
the Esplanade looking at each others
turn out. - They will all be gone
by the end of this month - one
advantage Little will have in Brighton
will be that she will not feel alone.

of I have been for a month or two:
in she will have friends to come on her
to occasionally take her out - of Mrs. Mayors -
General Holland formerly Miss (Mrs) -
Mr & Mrs Steady - Mr & Mrs Browning - and
Mr Philip Blyth - at all which houses
I have had her & where they were
much pleased with her - I have also
an invitation from Mrs. Alison in
London - (formerly Miss (Mrs)) to take
Lettie to her in the Paris holidays - when
she can also go to Mrs Galloway & Mrs
Borwick - I have also made some
very nice acquaintances of the relations
of some of my fellow passengers - as
Mr Anthony a Bachelor of Southwick St
who has a fine country house at Red
Hill - where I go occasionally & they
have invited me to bring my niece
- a Mr. Price a large city merchant
where I have dined & been invited
to repeat my visits - so for one who
has come without a single introduction
I think I have done pretty well - I
called on Mr. William Fleming - who
unlike most my friends at Red Hill
Lodge - Fleming expressed a wish to
have Lettie for a day or two - I have
also been to spend a couple of days

X with Mrs Wm. Sumner (Mrs
 Sumner is the daughter of Wm. C. C. of
 at Abington - I met Miss T. G. here
 from - Thence I went to Oxford. I wonder
 I was so disappointed with Oxford -
 - much pleased with what I saw of W. C. C.
 The memorial Chapel to Prince Albert is
 the most beautiful object I can conceive.
 The pavement is too beautiful to walk on
 it is covered by steps - which even the
 Queen walks on - The sides are covered
 by solid marble pictures inlaid in three
 prominent colors and the rest by exposing
 & being filled in with different shades
 of ground marble - the whole being imbedded
 in cement as hard as the marble - The
 pictures are illustrations of the old Testament
 are beautifully traced & the pictures are
 all polished so as to appear as
 a marble slab - having the picture as
 a natural grain - they will last for
 thousands of years as fresh as now -
 I found the great Round tower - rather
 to tell in - it is a mere shell - The
 stork rooms very good - I went over
 to collect the library where I saw
 some manuscript books more beautiful
 than any printing - of course I hear
 seen some of the sumptuous places of
 London - but I am most interested at the
 Chzyr - since I was there last - I wishfuld
 what I collected as an open space where
 life stood on sold in glass - I found

found to be an immense place
stocked with the receipt of stouffred
meat from all parts of the world
& mostly in a shipping state —

— One of the most stouffred things to me, was
when in London about a week since I was
persuaded to go with a friend to see
"Barry Sullivan" play Richard III — &
he took me to "Stary Lane" — I knew
the place at once & said why this is the
same building in Stouff Lane 45 years ago
I thought it was burned down — he was
the reply — you have been thinking of
Court Garden which has been twice destroyed
in that time — then he went the curtain
& I perceived that the very last scene
I was in that house. — The same play
was acted — but by "Edmund Kean"
— an old gentleman turned to me & said "Why
you can never lose seen time — it is now
thou forty years since he left the stage" —

You will have had some of my
letters in which I have told you of
my visit to Helen Barre & the Bushfields
— up to within a few days since I
have been in correspondence with Helen
about her affairs — I have been agents
on her to sell all her effects and as
there is some difficulty about the claims
of her father's other children on the real
property — to leave the house in an

agents hands for selling — this she
might do through a Mr Peterson, a former
clerk of Mr Bods now a merchant in Hamburg
& who is most friendly to Helen — I have
advised Helen to come to some friends of
hers in London who are most anxious
for her to stay with them that winter — it is
just I believe they are anxious that she
should become one of their family — the young
man is a most talented musician & one
of the first amateur singers in England
only he is a spiritist — I have dined with
them (the Littletons) twice & am invited to
go there whenever I go to London —

— Helen has been off & on in her plans
always entering one unwillingness to
sell her furniture & doubting that she
ought to devote her means to the support of
her aunt & Cousin Helen Westfield —
— she wrote me a week ago that she intended
remaining in the house for the winter & had
refused her aunt's offer of accompanying her part of the way to
the Colonies — then yesterday evening
the letter which I enclosed — I immediately
wrote her back what you will see I
have copied on the back — I know her
friends the Littletons will be glad to
receive her — though she had written to
decline their sending a week since —
— Helen has got some absurd notions about
her claims to her relations & some old
possessions in Hamburg which this

attack of the new lawyer, has quite
flashed out of her head - she cannot
be prevented from selling her movables -
& the House of Lords is not worth more than
£500. - her property in Termonin I tell her
is safe from all attacks of the Erskine's except
I urge her to bring the will which she
has admitted - & not give it up to be endorsed
by these new claims - but she is a most
difficult person to give advice to - she
pretends to be convinced, but you and
acts directly contrary - I thought from
what I heard from her at the beginning of
this week - she intended remaining in
Downing for an indefinite time - therefore
I wish her - that she could not expect to
see me again this winter - that I must
go some where south - for a month or two.
& she could not expect to see either - till
the summer when I could go to her.
over to the Continent - - then come
the letter of her of the 8th (Melrose) and I
now wish her next move - if she determines
to go to you it will go by the vessel I wish
to go with her as far as Malta or Suez -
- but I think she had better remain in
London for the winter & see how her affairs
are wound up - it would appear more like
a bolt of the rent off from Downing direct that
property might be seized - I expect another
letter from Helen this week or that I may
have an interview with her in London soon
- & I shall urge her to advise you in the
case of her remaining in Europe. not

to send any more of her income to
 Hambrough - better have it in Bond in
 London - from whence she can draw it
 as she chooses - About these children
 of 52. years ago - I have never heard
 of a marriage - but I know that W. G.
 had two sons, being brought up in the
 Westons - in Hambrough - how I should
 if I cannot now recall - but I know that
 he used to go to the W. B. - at stated intervals
 & was "obliged" - but did I any security
 - I have told Helen this - that she may
 not be led away by the belief that the
 whole is a fabrication - & she show her
 that her best course is to come away
 - even if there were not this - and other
 Court, why she should for her own
 interests leave Hambrough - The evidence
 in that solitary cold little House is not
 fit for us, unprobed female -
 - Helen appeared to think - that I would
 take leave to her - to be kept & educated under
 her & in that Home - & I thought even
 hurt - when I told her, it would not do -
 - the idea was so absurd - I never would
 have been submitted to the life of such a
 of Mr. what she had been used to at Abby -
 - certainly any amount of manual labour
 might have been employed - but the queer
 mode of life of Helen & her friends, would
 quite have shocked her - I am very
 curious to know what Helen will do - I am
 afraid she will rush off to her people at
 Schewing - if she dare, they will do her out.

of every penny she has - It's all any way
they connected with the Huxford & Schops
families & I found them very civil to me
but I could see there was a very bitter
feeling amongst them against all that
came from the British - The ruin & plunder
they were guilty of has made them to be
very badly looked on, as our South Australian
women - are by us. - The British have little to
hope for from that quarter now - but there
is their hotels such whom they can do with
- have made a dead set at Helen - & even one
I had an application only a few days since
for £50 - for which I was offered a silver
- the job as security - a thing not worth
£5. ~~and~~ which could not be sent to England
without paying duty - I refused on the
score that I had it not to spare & had
incurred so much more expense than I
could get ~~to~~ remuneration for
after the 1st of July next - in fact let them
know it was "no go" - I overheard this
from their breaking when I was with them
with Helen - The old lady is a most de-
signing Haubag - she & her husband turned
two fine frankless - & sent her splendid
cables to the winds - & they would (she & her
daughter) make any little sum about to they
all Helen has - & I have told her so -
what between them & the demands - of
the Erskine's Adept - on account of
Lynne's & her beds - I think of

she gets off with her moveables or sells
them - I have the loan to be made the
best of - I think she will be lucky to
get friends to receive her - she is a queer
little obstinately opinionated body - but now
you see she has had a thorough fright & is
ready to talk - I shall however be anxious
not of I can - from doing any thing really
but if she is determined to fly I would
not say I am a doer for enough to take
her to you comfortably - but what I
shall urge her to do - if she comes to London
- will be to remain till I take her on the
Continent - for she will be quite at home
in such a trip - accompanying us - of course
in this I could - cheap - the Twelve estate
with her expenses - & her resources would
be - husbanded against she went to the
Colours of the Chassis to go when we re-
turned to - I do not believe she does any
thing about going with the colours, but take it
that she are not fit for Tommie - she has
such a queer notion of the place -

14th Nov. Those just had a reply
from Helen - she says - she has been
comforted by a suggestion that there
may have been another person of the
name of Paul who married her the
same Thomas that children - & now
she says she will go to her Aunt in
Schleswig & get a "Confirmation of her
pastor's innocence" - but of the fruits

Mr. King's wife she will relinquish
all her property as it would be of no
good to her - Come to England and
take a situation - I have written her
to desist such nonsense - she can expect
to know nothing from Westrich - her
father would tell nothing of his life
to the family he married into - I
advise her by all means to come to
England - after she has disposed of all
she can - with the produce of what
she sells & what will reach her from
Tosmonia she can be very comfortable
as a visitor to the Lesters - tell she
determines what she can do - but I am
afraid - she will not get away from
her aunt - if I hear any thing more
from her before Mr. Braschi's mail
goes out (on the 22^d) I will write you

As to myself I cannot determine
what I will do during the winter
I mean to remain here all this
month to ensure that Lizzie is pro-
perly washed & cared for - she appears
quite happy & has every chance of
improvement - she has the best of
working & surely something will
result from it - all our friends in
Bristol except themselves wished
in her - & it is a comfort to think she
will have them to rely on if I am
obliged to move to a distance -

W. J.

You will know more of the
 politics of Europe by the papers.
 than I can tell you. — As for a short
 time since, war with Russia was
 thought inevitable. — and now we
 have only the armistice for two
 months to take over the winter,
 and it is believed. — after that Russia
 will declare herself. The champion
 of the world, provinces & England
 will be drawn in to the defence of
 Turkey — at present. The removal
 of trade has been something wonder-
 ful — wool has quite a covered
 & the layers here of June & July
 must make great fortunes. — The
 tide has happened in the sugar
 market — one or two persons I know
 some acquaintance with have made
 great sums in profit — there is
 much to be done in England with
 capital & a knowledge of business
 — if I was younger I think I would
 venture to be successful here. How very
 sure the occupation of the colonies
 there is so much work. & especially
 about labor. — ... even in the

Tasmanian Bush Land - There
must have been a good thing done
by speculators within the last fort-
night - the shares - rose up from
39. - to 60. - within a week - from
a bargain price - by the Company here
from I suppose "Groat" in Tasmania
- intimating that the "Lower houses
in Tasmania: had voted £2000 per
month - for six months - & what else
it added had to be expressed
by the "Council" - The Commission
to the Trade Journal. made the
rest of this & said the Gov. of Tasmania
& the Company were now in accord
& the Company had emerged out
of all difficulty - that only a small
amount - say £50,000 - which he
required to be expended on alterations
& repairs on the line to make it all
that the colony required - & that this
sum - would be easily raised by those
interested in the undertaking -
I suspect this is all an attempt to
raise the value of the shares but - &
do not believe the Council. will endorse
the vote without some guarantee that
the contract will be fulfilled -

I have had very little news
from you - of the C Town neighborhood
- no news at all last week -
- though you must have been in
receipt of our letter of the 10th of
in London - I do not know
whether I explained why I had to
take the letter from Mr. Stuy - but I can
only say I am very glad I discovered
the deceit of that woman before I
made any plans for returning - she
was a thoroughly deceitful & designing
creature - only wanted to get me
out of the way & then utterly ruin
Letter by neglect - every friend of
hers who recommended her to me is
perfectly disgusted at her conduct
- she is a clever educated woman.
but as it turned out in needy circumstances
had got into society - & was ashamed
to let it be known that she was deceiving
Letter for pay - I just found her out
& lodged her with it - on taking Letter
away I had a quarrel row with her
in her own drawing room - & told her
that whatever imputations she had put
upon Miss Foy or Letter under act. to tell
or speak of the cause they I took Letter
away - I should not spare her
Letter has turned something her eyes

have been opened. to the professions
of strangers. & I think she has more
pleasure. on my efforts for her benefit -
- she has a happy life now; and has
attention from her teachers - and
is determined to learn something.
- French she has to speak - and though
she had great difficulty at first - she
says with the best. There will probably
she can get on in conversation with
her governess. - she has had to learn
to music master. one for working with
singing - she has grown and looks
well and will be a fine looking woman
by the time she returns. - if a letter she
does not

I do not recollect what you did
with the last ship - sold or shipped. I do
not know where the agent is in London -

I can manage any well but must stay
if I stay in Europe - for I brought most of
my own money & that with what Wilson
keeps in I fear - will not be over - even
if I have to pay my own passage back - if
you send this year will come & then to draw
any money from England - I could give you
an exchange cheque on Malbourne. so as to
save exchange - for I must draw £500. to £600
of the Guinea - for expenses here. by piece and
- if any thing occurs. I will write by the
Mendic but must wait. never comes
with love to all - at home

Love your affectionate Mother

M. M. M. M. M.