

97. Regent's Park Road.

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My dear lady

I just want to tell you about my plans with a view to arrange about seeing you some time, since the folks will have it that I am to be disappointed for the present. I got into such a state of weak health lately, losing my voice almost entirely, that I felt obliged

to consult your aunt's doctor,
at last, and he sends it me
off to the sea-side at once to
get well. I am afraid I
must obey orders and leave
for Hastings on Saturday,
though it is a sore disappoint-
ment to me to be away from
my sister just at Xmas, and
stay alone by myself in a
strange place moreover.

Your aunt tells me there is a
chance of your coming here

next Sunday, and as I should
like her very much to make
your acquaintance, I have
by your aunt's permission
asked her to come here too
in the course of the day.
Poor thing! I am so sorry
for her, if she has after all
to spend her first Xmas away
from home in a solitary fashion.
I wonder whether you could
not have her at your house
just for a few days? It would

be a real kindness to her, and
of course you need not treat
her as a visitor in any way,
as far as ceremonies are concerned.
She would be very glad & desirous
to be dealt with like one of your
mother's flock. Please give my
love to the latter and remember
me kindly to the family.
With love to yourself

Yours affectionately
Miss Ann Cotton