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Princes Park
Liverpool. Oct 12.
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Sunday

My dear Mary-Catherine,
I read your letter
early in the week, but we are
still in the midst of so much
that has to be done and we
are so busy that I do not get any
breathing time except on
Sunday. I never in my life
before so much appreciated
a day of rest. The house is
now pretty well in order
but I foresee that it will be
a constant care to keep
things as they should be.
The place seems a net work of
pipes for gas and water,
and there is always some-
thing or other to look after.

I think we have made the
rooms look very pretty
with no expense of buying
anything. The only outline
is covering the stairs with
linoleum from top to bottom.
That would have been laid
down yesterday, and then
all would have been done,
but the lady next door is very
ill, and out of consideration
for her, we have to avoid
hammering. Last Sunday
Mr Cropper called. He lives
about half a mile away.
He was very pleasant
and friendly. Mr Cropper
is very poorly. See yet a
not of musthote in October

and has been in a narrow
way ever since. On Tuesday
John went to Haverden
and staid with Mr Hadstone
until Thursday. He enjoyed
it very much. He says they
were most kind. He had
long talks and talks with
Mr Hadstone, who gave
him eight of his books.
We are going on Thursday
to see a new ship, who is
sister to Miss Macdonald's
wife. A young Mr Simpson, wife
of a son, is connected with
the Brooses. I have no
doubt we shall find
plenty of pleasant people
but I have no feeling of the

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Have been dressing home yet.
I thought of the letter room
at the Hollies on the 2nd. I
dare say the flowers would
still be fresh, that I put there.
I will write to Mr Purser and
tell him that he must not
depend upon us beyond
the 25th March. How do you
think of coming home. Our
little housemaid Sarah is
only staying till the 30th of this
month, as her mother does
not like her to be so far from
home. She would make a
very good little maid for you
wouldn't you, if she
would stay. She knows the
house and would make you
comfortable. What do you
think about it for the few weeks
you are at the Hollies. See her 11th Apr.