

seems very
 happy at school.
 I wrote to you at
 Syracuse.
 You affectionately
 E. J. Stephenson
 Mrs. Devereux
 collected just before
 she sailed. I hope
 you will
 write to
 me soon.

letter this morning, and I
 have thought over the whole matter
 and I still think there can be
 nothing better for both of us, than
 that you should come into the
 home, at any rate for two or three
 years. You would have had time
 then, to look about you, and we
 should see better into the future.
 I would moderate all of rent
 and rates that comes above
 £ 34. You would any way
 have to come somewhere, until
 you had seen a home which suited
 you, and there would be no
 worry or trouble of settling here,
 as everything is on the spot ready.

Perhaps it would be better, as
you say, to restore Manning's
room as nearly as we can
to what it was before. Both the
long bedroom and the dress-
ing room might be shut
up; the remainder of the
house then, would be quite
within the strength of a young
girl. I am sure if Miss Billie
did not come altogether, she
would come by herself, for a
month or so, until you got
someone. The girl who has
come in Estlin's place seems
very suitable, so if I can, I
shall take both her and Sarah
who is very nice, to Liverpool.
If we shut up the long bedroom

I would take the linen
from there, as it would be
useful for the upper rooms
in the new house. There will
be quite four tons of coal to
burn, which you can have
and there will be apples, pears,
and potatoes. We shall take what
we can, but there will be quantities
left. When John comes down on
Wednesday, we shall talk over
matters and decide when we
shall have to remove. I think
it will be early in December.
You should come back, if
possible some days before we
start. You might be super-
intending things here whilst
I was preparing for them at the
other end. The removal will
be a business, dinner, movement
and things. I feel sure that for

John, it is the right thing to do,
and that being decided, everything
else will fall into its own place.
I copied part of your letter and
sent it to him, and he said
it was very helpful. I put all
my influence into the scale
of his going, so sure do I feel
that the work is the right one for
him, though for my own part
I would so much rather have
staid here.

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You will not miss in Florence
the place I most enjoyed there
was the church of Santa Maria
Novella, there is Cimabue's
Madonna and in the little
chapel outside, some frescoes
by Giotto. The Spanish chapel in
the cloisters has some wonderful
frescoes by Memmi. The
Santa Croce is very beautiful
more so than the Duomo.
The children are both well. Noel