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My dear Husband

I begin my letter on Sunday this week and then I can add something later on. I shall look anxiously for your next letter, as you were not very well when you last wrote. I hope the feeling of tiredness has passed away and that you are all right again and happy in your work. What a pity it is that soldier going away at the wedding. You do not need anything of that kind to add to your anxieties. I do wish you could see the museum now. We have got it all arranged in the den as the school room is now wanted for lessons. I have put glass tops to several large shallow boxes and we have filled them with various curiosities, butterflies, sea-weeds, Indian things, &c and fixed them on the walls, so that the room really does look like a museum. Alice has written out a catalogue of the whole and each thing as a number corresponding to its place in this catalogue, so you see we are getting things into a shape. She

case of medallions which Dr Walter  
sent is likely to prove very useful.  
It is to be made the basis of a series of  
lectures this winter. I mean as to take  
the King's Store medallions as I have in  
the collection, and the painter, and  
about the great men in other de-  
partments, so that the children's  
historical knowledge will be rubbed  
up. Miss Dixon has arranged the  
schoolroom and will begin lessons  
tomorrow. It is very pleasant  
having her in the house. She is dignified  
and sympathetic, and one has a  
feeling of companionship with  
her which is very refreshing. Our  
little town must be a change to  
her, after the mansions in which  
she has been used to live, but that  
want of grandeur will be made  
up to her by the feeling that she is  
surrounded as one of ourselves.  
I think she is very happy so far, and  
I do all I can to make her comfortable.  
After I heard of the death of your  
aunt Mrs Appleby, I wrote to

Miss Appleby. I thought, as I had met  
her at your mother's house, it would  
only be kind to do so. It is more  
than a fortnight since I wrote, but  
I have had no reply. I have a sort of  
feeling that all the Longdens and  
Applebys have been prejudiced  
against me, as they have none of  
them taken any notice either of  
me or the children since my  
marriage. However, as I have  
done nothing to deserve their  
respect, I do not trouble myself  
about it. Miss Appleby's silence  
surprises me, as Filian is her pet  
child. I fancied from remarks  
which Althea made to me when  
I was in Nottingham that she  
wishes you to make your home there  
when you leave India. This I  
would never willingly consent  
to, for I abhor the influence of the  
place, and could never be happy  
there. Althea asked pointedly what  
were our plans about the Hollies,  
and then said it would be very plea-

I am for you to be settled in Nottingham  
No. No. NO or at any rate may  
it not be until I am settled in my  
own. Miss Dickson and Madam  
talk yesterday over the measures of  
the children's education. I wish  
you could have joined it. I believe  
they are very fortunate in having  
us with them. She seems to have  
such a thorough grasp of all that she  
professes to teach. She is much more  
settled on than I am, but you will  
be glad of that, and you may be sure  
that the children will be well trained  
in Church principles. I enclose  
you a little statement of the monies  
I have received, please make up  
the remainder to me during  
this year, so that I may receive  
all before the close of the year.  
Noel is to write to you this week  
and I hope he will do better about  
his spelling. He is a bright little lad  
but careless. Mamma sends her  
love. He is very well. I am better  
but not up to much. Your loving M

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Thursday. I have just received your letter, and very thankful I am to find you are better. What a curious thing of Mr Lambert to send you that caricature. I have seen some of his. But I am glad that you are fairly out of his acquaintance. I have this morning received the £30 through the India office. I thought afterwards it was better to make Clarence Smith a present of £50. now, so I have taken that sum out of my dividends and given it to him for his little boy Ashton. It was my only way of acknowledging the much trouble he has been put to, and may be put to, about our affairs. Mary Lettarine has left £50 to Miss Belle, Mamma's other trustee. No, it was only an annuity of £25 which was to be paid in the event of my death, to Mamma, and after Mamma's death, to Mary Lettarine. You need not be troubled about my health, for I am better now and I hope I shall get on very well. Do not forget to select anything you can for the museum. It will be such a treasure to the children. We are all going on well and peaceably.