

Allahabad. May 17th

My dear Mamma

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We have got our
lot matter upon us and no
mistake now. For the last week
the heat has been as intense
as at any time last year,
but we have the comfort of
knowing that in five or six
weeks we shall have the rains.
They always come about the
beginning of July. Last night
we had both puritah and
thermanticote at work in
the room and we could
scarcely sleep for the heat. It
will keep getting more and more
too, until the rains do set in.
We manage to keep the two
rooms, John's study and our
bedroom tolerably habitable
and we never use any others.
I shall write my letters to

most well from Mrs Plowden,
She asked me to go any time
when I liked and spend the day
there, as the house is so much
cooler than ours, and I have
proposed Wednesday, as John
will be busy preparing his
sermon then. I shall take
my mail letters to write, as
I dare say Mrs Plowden has
work enough of her own to do.

Spending the day out now, in-
volves going at eight, and
staying until six, for it is too
hot to venture out between
those hours. Nelly has presented
us with three pups. I wish
I could send Mary Catherine
one of them. I think they will
be very pretty little things,
like herself in appearance.
The azule and karsamer
and cook are each to have
one. We are obliged to keep

them in our room on account
of the coolness. We tried for a day
having them on the other side
of the house, but poor Nelly
almost died in consequence
of the heat. They are very comical
looking little things at present.
The English letters are to come in
tomorrow, so we shall be able to
reply to them. It is very pleasant
getting them before the mail goes
out. The entertainment on
Tuesday night was very success-
ful, there was music and
singing, and John's reading of
"The Diver" and then a little farce
by two amateurs, gentlemen
here. Everybody seemed to
enjoy it, and in the hot weather
one is glad of something to break
the long monotony of the day.
I am going into the city with
Mrs Dally again tomorrow, to
see if I can pick up anything
else. We shall stay a little

later than we did last time, we
had to come away then, just as
the people were bringing their
thing out. It is a very curious
sight to go into the native mar-
ket. Such shouting and jabbling,
and the things are sold for what
appear to us such ridiculously
small prices. I mean to go to
the next fair and buy some of
the country things, the gilt and
silvered bangles and armlets
and nose rings which the women
wear. Agrahead is unfortunate
in having no special manufacture
of its own. It is very much like Benares
in this respect. Mrs. Wall has left
Benares now, so I am afraid
we shall never get another visit
to that wonderful place. Once
having seen it however, is a
thing to be remembered for
all one's life. I shall leave
this now until tomorrow.

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Friday. I have just got your
letter with one from Letitia
and one from Aunt Susan
enclosing two of Philip's, and
one from Miss Udal. I have
Aunt Susan's for Philip's and
say I will take care of them. I
return the second half of the other.
I am very sorry that Aunt Susan
is so unfortunately placed with
the servants, it must needs
weigh very heavily upon her.
I hope she will get rest and relief
when Philip comes home. It
is very sad for the poor woman, the
little one's own troubles seem when
she contrast them with such as these.
I hope Robert will get through his
exam. all right, and then when
that is off his mind he will be better
in health. It is dreadfully hot
here now, I can scarcely manage
to write at all, my fingers stick
to the paper. With love to you
and Mary Letitia, in a high
John writes I am your affectionate
daughter Eliza