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My dear husband,

We are still going on
with our coughs. Mabel does not yet rid
herself of mine, though both are
better and Mabel is going to school again.
It is a pity we cannot have her singing
lessons. I am writing today to Miss
Leigh of Paris to ask if she knows of any
French Protestant family to which
Eliza could be sent. I should not
myself fear sending her for three
or four months to a Roman Catholic
family, indeed that would be far
safer than a Virtualistone. I would
not send her for a long time to B.C.
Unless I hope we may meet with a
Protestant family. She would go in
April or May, returning in August.
This matter, and Neal's school arrangements
together with my constant anxiety about
Mamma and the care of the children's
health, is becoming a burden almost
greater than I can bear. Aunt Susan
came on on Monday to see Mamma
and left on Wednesday. It was a
pleasant little glimpse of her. I don't

In Mr Hall, a vicar of a school
at Larnham, which in several years
I have heard highly spoken of. If
William had gone to a continental
school at all, I think that would
have been the one. Three different
ladies have recommended it to me.
For the learning of French however,
there is nothing like going into a
family, where only French is spoken.
I wrote to Kenneth Know last week
and sent him a letter book. I had
a nice letter from him this
morning. I also wrote to Mary
last week and sent a knitted hood
which I had made for her, but I
have had no reply. However, I do
my part and that is enough.

I should think, as I write now, you
will be on your journey to Lalester,
to take up your work there. I do hope
you will get well through the hot
matter and have a good winding
up of your service. Am near that
deems now. I am very sorry Mr

Wickham has left. He would have been
such a help to you in many ways.
So Mr Hill is a devoted husband
(Edgarth) It is more than I expected of
him. I am glad his wife has taught
him good manners. I shall not soon
forget his taking possession of mamma's
chair and retaining it after she re-
turned to the room. Still, there were
many points in his character which
I admired very much. I had a
courtious letter from a New Sale, a
clergyman to whom I wrote about
a nomination. I think he will
have to go to the college a day earlier
and pass a preliminary exam.
which if successful, gives a nomi-
nation. He writes well and cheerfully.
Then I have found a suitable home
in France for William, Mary, Catherine
will take her, as of course she cannot
go alone, and I cannot leave home.
The total expense of having her in a
good family for about fifteen weeks,
taking in travelling, will be about £50.

so that we shall have to be economical
in other directions. Next year Noel's
increased expenses will begin. I
am anxious to see what Melvern
College will do under its new head
but the Marlborough preparation
must still go on.

I was setting all my papers in order
the other day, and I came upon a scrap
on which, when we were in Calcutta,
we had drawn up a sketch of your will.
It mentioned £500 of insurance
which, if necessary, was to be devoted
to Noel's education. I then got out the
real will and read it, but there is
nothing about insurance money
there. Is your life insured, for I did
not know and that is this money.
I thought the children only had their
versions. Don't forget to tell me about
this. Mamma sends you her love. She
kissed just the same. I dearly ever see
anybody now, as I don't go out. Indeed
now it is a trouble to be in society at all,
for I do not feel I have vitality enough
for it, with all that rest upon me at
home. Ever your loving
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