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My dear Husband

First of all thank you for the £20, which came with your last letter. I hoped you would have been able to say something definite about the Archdeacon's affair, but it does not seem to be moving on very fast now. I shall be glad when it is really settled, and so will you be. There we go coughing on our usual but I hope the worst of it has worn off. Noel's was so bad last Monday that I sent for Dr. Haynes to see him too. He said it was not looking cough, but very severe throat cough. He has kept on going to school, except on wet days, and he always rides home at night. He coughs very much during the night often, but I think he is decidedly getting the better of it now. It does not seem to him ill at all, though I am sure it must pull down his strength. Mabel's cough is still distressing, though Dr. Haynes says that that too, is throat, and not looking cough. He does not go to school at all now, but Miss Andries comes a little earlier on music days, and attends to her



French and German. He will go up  
with Miss Andrew after Easter, and just  
do a little at home under my care. I  
think she has come to a point where cessation  
of routine lessons will not be bad for her.  
He goes to Clevedon on April 10. for a fortnight.  
I do not expect the coughs will leave them  
until they have had a change of air. I  
hope I shall never again have such a  
month of anxiety as this last has been.  
I have felt so afraid that Noel's school life  
would be interrupted, and that would  
have been such a pity. Mr C. has been  
most kind in leaving Mabel for three  
weeks. He is back here again now. In  
the result of the general paper at school,  
for which a prize was offered, Noel was  
bracketed with Powell, the top boy in the  
school. So this morning there he had to  
do a second paper, and we are very  
anxious to know what the result will  
be. He is really a very industrious prod  
led with his lessons. Mr Douglas is very  
pleased with him. It is now decided  
that Hilary goes to Mad<sup>lle</sup> Tallon in  
Paris, next month (April 29) for three  
months. His short time, with travelling  
expenses, will cost £50. so we must

be economical in other ways. Mad<sup>lle</sup>  
Tallon is a French Protestant, highly re-  
commended by Miss Leigh, of the  
Mission Home in Paris. Miss Muller's  
daughter was with her for some time,  
and the lady to whom I have written  
as reference speaks very well of her.  
Hilary is to have daily lessons in French  
and she is to speak no other language  
 whilst she is there. I have no doubt she  
will make good use of her time, for she  
knows the expense is a great one for us.  
I hope Mabel will develop on the practical  
side of her nature, then she is the only  
daughter at home and in addition is  
not burdened with lessons. She will  
come to take up Hilary's duties and attend  
to them. I am busy now getting Hilary's  
things ready for Paris. She goes simply  
as a schoolgirl and so needs nothing  
expensive. I have told Mr Tallon I wish  
her to see Paris, the churches, pictures &c,  
for she is old enough now for these things  
to be part of her education.  
Mamma keeps the same. Her state  
seems chronic now. She is quite free  
from pain and very cheerful, and  
her ability to do a little knitting again



is a great comfort to her. She sends her love  
to you. An strange it is I have never  
heard from Mary in reply to the little  
book I sent her with a letter three weeks  
ago. I wonder how she is in mind. Is  
not this about the time a letter was to  
return home. She has had a long pleasant  
pleasant rest from all her old  
care, and showed look bright and  
blooming, a notable contrast in  
that respect to myself who am now lean  
and withered and eternally contemptible  
Such is life! I shall see if Clevedon is a  
good place to have a cottage at. I am  
best upon accomplishing that plan  
sometime - a cottage for my own, out  
of which no landlord can turn me,  
and in which whatever I do will remain  
for the benefit of the children. It is quite  
a castle in the air for me now, and I keep  
thinking what can be spared out of this  
house for furnishing. But all must  
depend upon where we settle when you  
come home. It would be no use having  
a cottage far away. I would keep plates  
and all sorts of things there, so that we could  
keep our wherever we liked.

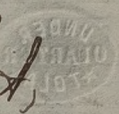
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Wool's Examination Questions  
may interest Mr Carter

1. No note  
Confession of an Opium Eater  
Descent of Man  
Superior  
In Memoriam  
Wotely.  
Silas Marner.  
Hard Times  
A ride to Kliver  
Earthly Paradise
2. Note fine consecutive lines of Cooper  
Loutley, Wadsworth & Tompkins.
3. Next do you know of Daniel O. Conwell  
the Monks Montefiore. J. H. Newman  
Marian, Pinnell Leonardo, Bofinet  
Voltaire, Cothe.
4. Short life of General Gordon
5. Names of late & present postmaster  
General, Irish Secretary, Bishop of  
London & Lincoln
6. What is meant by Proportional Rep-  
resentation. Redistribution, Local  
option. Conscription. Short Bill.
7. Give shortly the plot of Barnaby  
Rudge & The Pirate.





8. What is meant by - Astrology  
 Statistics Idiosyncrasy. Pedant,  
 Nihilism. Savoir faire. Political Economy  
 9 Name in order the countries sur-  
 rounding Worcester.

10 Statements have lately appeared  
 at Candahar, Ischia, There are  
 three places.

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