

protest against the horrors which
metropolitan wealth and luxury
have brought upon us. Another
thing I am determined upon is
that my manner of dressing, eating
and living, shall be as simple as
refinement and a pure taste can
make it. (a seal skin jacket, as I have
proved by experience, being economical
enough when you make it last for
fourteen years) and I will, as far
as I can, avoid buying anything
in the way of ornament or luxury
from London, or any large city.
Also I will pray that not one
of our children may ever be
what is called rich. Rather let them
be truly wealthy by being satisfied
with simple and natural pleasures,
which need no London for their
satisfaction. But what a sermon
in me to preach. Filian comes
home on Saturday week. We shall
all be truly glad to see the dear child.
I believe she has not been most indus-
triously, and has done in three

as much as most would
have done in his. Miss Tallon speaks
very highly of her. On the Wednesday
after she comes home Mabel and Noel
go to Alfred with Mary Johnson. This
is Noel's breaking up day. He is afraid
he shall not get marks enough for a
prize, but I tell him a thoroughly
good report is better than a prize.
I am sure he has worked hard. I wish
Mabel used her time as well as the
others, but the fact is that she has very
little to show for her days. I believe
much of her lack of energy is physical,
and therefore I hope that by and by
she may overcome it, but her wasting
of time just now is really serious.
I had a long talk with her about it
two days ago, and she is stirring a
little, but I fear things will soon go
back to their old level. Mamma
keeps the same. She sends her love to you.
We are having a hot, dry summer.
If you could only see what a quantity
of preserves I have made, for of the
fruit there really seems no end.
May you be here to consume it.
Love can't stop

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