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Rock House,

Hastings

Dec: 9th

Dearest Barbara,

I am so glad to get
your Card this morning. I
returned last night from London
finding here the ending of
a gale, which has played
havoc amongst the chimney
pots and plates of Hastings
and, far more lamentable,
has drowned five men (with
families, three of them) in one

of Bumstead's fishing smacks.
He was going about half dis-
traced all Tuesday, telegraphing
for news. Glad was on board
whom the good fellows 'shut'
up in the cabin, and he is the
only soul alive - the smack
turned up side down & is said
and was driven on shore
with the boy & the alive!

You will be glad to know
that my address on Monday
was listened to by a crowded
drawing room with most earnest
interest - Miss Helen Taylor's

few appreciative words, were
most encouraging to me - and
I found a note of warmest thanks
awaiting me here, from my young
friend Rowland Eschcourt, who
is a learned political economist
and was at the meeting.

John Kensit, 18 Paternoster
Row, is my publisher and will
bring out the pamphlet (price
six-pence) next Monday.
Its title is - "Purchase of Women;
the great economic blunder".

I feel full of hope, not
withstanding the black moral
whirlwind in which we are
buffeting. I see the light

and the goal ahead!

I am so glad dearest
Barbara that your young
and older friends will make
your home bright for you.

Affectionately
yours

E. Blackwell.