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My dear Husband,

It is Noel's certificate
of birth that is wanted, not the
baptismal certificate. I know he
was baptized in Nottingham, and
I could get that without sending to
you. Mr Douglas said the school
would not accept a baptismal
certificate only. Will you get the
matter attended to as soon as
possible, as the time is getting on.
I suppose the Registrar in Calcutta
will have the certificate. We are
going on here as usual. Mamma
tears about the same. Aunt Anne
and Aunt Jane spent Sunday with
us. Mamma was a good deal
upset by the meeting, but I do not
think she is permanently worse
for it. Aunt Jane was much
delighted with the children and
their surroundings. Wherever
we go, we shall not have a pleasant
home than this.

I am sorry to say that lovely peacock
has the mothian. A Lee Worcester
man said he had done it in such
a manner that no moth would
attack it, but he was mistaken. I
wrote to the naturalists in London
to know what I should do, and they
sent me a preparation, but the
mischief has gone past remedy. The
tail, however, is quite uninjured,
and so long as the body and head
are not disturbed, they look all
right. I am busy now preserving,
for we have such a quantity of sum-
mer fruit in the garden, and
N. C. is bringing us all sorts too. I
shall bottle a quantity, and then
I hope you will be able to enjoy them,
for they are almost as good as when
gathered from the tree. He shall have
loads of pears and plums. What a
nuisance that you are not yet
settled about your leave. But I
hope it will soon be settled, so that
you will be able to be with us before
Christmas. It will be a good time

for me all when you are here again. It
is coming blessedly near now. I had
a letter this morning from Mrs
Whitely. Mr. Whitely has taken a
leave of absence at Prof. in New-
Yorkshire, so they are not far away
about thirty miles, I should think.
I shall defer writing her to come
until you are at home, for I really
am not able now to entertain
strangers. I have no more strength
than serves me for what I am quite
obliged to do. Noel writes away well
and brightly at school. He has not
been better for a long time. Both he
and Mabel will be the better, I hope,
for their turn out with Mary Plumer.
Lee is such a pleasant, jolly, simple
and straightforward, and so intelli-
gent. William comes home a fortnight
today. He will sit a good while
from all of us. Mabel and Noel
go with Mary to Alfred a day or two
after she arrives. They are only waiting
to come a peep of Mr. I will consider
what can be sent to Ernest. There are

so few things, one can give to a man.
I thought of a riding stick, as I
know he wants to have a horse. Aunt
Louise's vessel was blocked in the canal,
and the captain formed a party,
which she joined, for going up the
Byramids. It was very interesting
to hear his account of it all. I shall
not be content until I have seen
India again, so you need not
talk of European success for me!
When I do take a trip, I will do it to
some purpose, on the same lines
as the real fur racket. I don't care
if I wait for it as long as I waited
for that, but everything does come
at last, to those who wait. I don't think
I shall ever pay visits again, except
short and absolutely necessary ones.
My ideal is to be as we were at Mrs.
Carton's, at home, and yet paying our
own way, and not bound to be
always talking. I get real enjoy-
ment. But I will bide my time.
Mamma sends her love to you. When
I came to your message she said "I
should like to see him again, but I will
not do" he cannot tell. Ever your loving
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