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Madam Sir.
July 31st/86.

My dear Mary Catherine

I send you a

form, which I got yesterday. I
would have sent it then, but we
did not get time for the post,
Miss Slack and I went over to Brewster
on the dinner boat. Today she has
been all day sketching at the Lyell
and has not even, only just come
home. I have had such a bustling
day. Miss Lucy Wells called on Friday
and I asked her to dine today, as
Mr Wells was coming. He said he
had a friend, Mrs Metcalf with her,
so I asked her too. Miss Slack being away
made one less. Well they all three came.
I had to arrange everything Sarah not
being equal to cooking. During the
afternoon Major Leicester, Newry
& Foul Bears, Mr Oenas and
Frank Maynard came so that I had
enough to do. There came in you yesterday
a long envelope from Mr Sadler and
Mr Oenas to whom I showed it. I thought
I had better open it and send it on to
the vicar. I did so and we both read it.

It is about trying to get some lectures
this autumn. I sent it tonight to Mr
Smith with a note and I have written
to Mr Tadler, telling him you are from
home. Mr Ovas seemed to think that
was the best way. She said she was so glad
to have heard from you. She had arranged
to call today to hear about you, and then
when your letter came, she still carried
out her arrangement. I feel so muddled
that I cannot say much. I have been
"at it" all day. Write me more next
time. Love me all going on as usual.
See children and kin love John sent
to Nottingham this afternoon. ^{proffid}
E. F. Stephens

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