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The children
are very
tired.
Your affectionate
E. J. Stephenson

Mary Catherine
Sarah is out

For our holiday this afternoon so
we are left to Mary Sampett, and
I have just finished getting tea ready.
There are ten children coming, the
Josephs & Kellers, Peers' and Frank
Maguard. Mabel is willing enough
but not at the best of times, executive,
so I have plenty to do. Sarah does
very well indeed, and is always
bright and cheerful. He is apt to be
a little too pick, so she and Esther
will repair each others' deficiencies.
Esther returns on Friday having
had three weeks' holiday. I have had
at work all this morning mounting
the photographs, and to my great
content they are now done, a large
book full, and another half full.

Mr and Mrs Matthews, or rather the
Archdeacon and his wife, are
coming to tea on Wednesday. I
shall ask Major Leicester, and
Mrs Fenwick, so it will be a nice
little party. Miss Dyer calls called
on Friday and staid tea. We were
out in the garden, and she told
me a great deal about her uncle.
The property was equally divided
amongst the seven of them. The
Nonconformist brother seems to have
given them much trouble in the
arrangement of affairs. It is very
sad about Mrs Hopkins's sight.
Miss Dyer said she was far from
strong in many ways, and her
humour did not seem to realize
Mrs de la Roche she was, but she said
nothing about her eyes, as I did
not refer to it. Mrs Deane asked us
to be garden party tomorrow, but
I declined, as I expect Mr Stephens

and Lilian will be coming home.
Mrs Coleridge asked us the week before
last, and I declined that too, as I had
invited Miss Dutton to come.
Last Thursday Mabel and Noel
and I had a most pleasant outing
with Mrs Peers and her party, to see
Wilpeck Church, about ten miles
beyond Hereford. It is a real little
gem of Norman architecture. We
left by the eight train, and re-
turned at nine in the evening.
Quite enjoyed the day, it was neither
too hot nor too cold. The South Eastern
money has come from Carrie this
morning £5. 16. It is to the end
of June last, so I should think it
will not be claimed by the purchaser.
I have not heard anything from
Clarence Smith about what he is
doing. You would get the cheque for
£10. which I sent last Wednesday.
I expect he shall start for Clifton on

Friday the day Esther returns. I think
we shall perhaps leave home for a
week at Kott^m as Mrs Moller wants
him to go. I should then go to Lin-
coln to meet him and we would
see the Cathedral, returning to
Lilford in the evening. I shall be very
glad to sit a rest at Fotherley, for I have
had plenty to do, especially with Lillian
away. I shall not keep Mary beyond
October. She can do very well without
her then Lillian and Mabel begin to
take their part in the house. I hope you
will have pleasant weather for your
little tours. It seems a great deal of
walking, but the mountain air
does help, and I found out at Dan-
veling what a help an Alpenstock is.
The towns seem wonderfully cheap.
I will enquire about D. Hall's house.
Mr Fowdler is sure to know if it is to
be sold. I am sure you would be wiser
not to build, if you could find a good
house to buy. There have been no letters
for you lately. I must go now and see after