

to you all
affectionately
Yours
Edmund H.
New
Please hand
the enclosed
to Lucy.

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17, WORCESTER PLACE,
OXFORD.

27 July 1913

My dear Esther,

It was a great pleasure to have your long & informing letter yesterday morning, + the picture of the Pilgrimage officials & the children. Thank you very much for both. I was on the point of starting for the Hyde Park meeting. Of this you will read in the papers. Neglecting my own banners & company I joined Alice at Warwick Gardens +, with Wilfred Hind, carried your Street Banner, feeling very proud of the privilege. We had a good march, with stirring tunes from the nearest band, to the Park, + there the other Pilgrim processions converged. The huge space was encircled by platforms, or rather ~~car~~ waggons, + soon each waggon had attracted its own compact audience. The outer circles, like swarming bees moved over the intervening spaces, from meeting to meeting. In the centre of the shifting crowd was the banner-caravan, & on the top was the inevitable photographer. The day was exactly suited for the purpose, cool, & rather overcast, but with occasional

sunbursts. It was pleasant to be joined by Miss
Armstrong & Miss Baumgarten, there was not a
dull moment from 2-30 when we met, till 6.0 when
the resolutions were put + carried. Then Alice,
Wilfrid H, Miss Voke, Miss Smith (of Devonth Ho. Lily-) + I
walked, thro' St. James's Park, to Barton St.
we didn't feel overtired, but comfortable chairs
& sofas seemed a real luxury! So did supper, &
the rest & talk afterwards. One by one we left, &
I got back at midnight, & after a sound sleep, was
quite ready for the Adult School, & Meeting.

One can do so much when it is in the open air.

At present I feel like becoming a real Pilgrim next
year!! I am so glad Peter liked his boat. (It goes
with to my heart to part with them, though I know
a single penny will at once provide a substitute!)

I do wish I could be with you, but events have justifi-
fied my sense that I must remain here, both connect-
ed with work, the 'Cause', School & Meeting, etc.

It is so nice to hear you like the Poster. I will send (or
bring) you one after you return. The Culver Hole paper
belonged to Mr. C. H. Perkins; perhaps you heard that
he died in the Spring, quite suddenly as he sat on a seat
in one of the Swansea Parks. I am so glad you have
good news of the German party. With love to Peter

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My dear Father,