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My dear Husband,

The proposal about  
the Lahore wireideaery is a very  
important one, yet I think you have  
done wisely in putting it aside.  
It is time you had rest and quiet.  
That pain in your head is a warning  
that you ought not to go on much  
longer. Two or three added years  
of labour and responsibility now,  
might cost you health and com-  
fort for the remainder of your life.  
I am very glad the offer has been  
made to you, for it shows that you  
are appreciated in a good quarter.  
It would have been pleasant for  
you to have ended your service  
in this way, but it may be better  
to come home quietly. The children  
need you much now. Noel's school  
life ought not to begin without your  
influence. I have been to see  
Mr Douglas today about him.



He is to go as a boarder on October  
2<sup>nd</sup>, so that he will have about two  
months' steady preparation for the  
examination at the end of Nov.  
It will be a useful thing for him  
to have this experience of school life  
before going quite away from home.  
He is to come home with us from  
church on Sunday morning, and  
stay with us until Monday morning,  
when he is to be back for school at half  
past seven. We shall all miss him  
very much, but the change will be  
for his good. I am writing today  
to the Bursar of Marlboro' to ask  
for definite information about  
the date of the examination. I  
hope you will be able to give a better  
report of your health next week. I wish  
I could hear that you had taken a  
holiday to Sarjeeling, for even a  
few days' rest seems to be what you  
 sorely need. How the time of year  
in Calcutta is unhealthy and  
depressing, and the days are now  
bringing round the memory of  
your great grief.

Yesterday Mr Bronthead and  
Ella came over from Kereford to  
spend the day. He is staying there  
with Mrs Norris, and did not like  
to leave without coming to see us.  
I could not ask her to make a  
longer stay, and indeed the effort  
of talking and keeping up a cheer-  
ful appearance, was very great.  
Little as man like Mr Carter it would  
be different, for one can talk to  
him about thoughts, and Mrs  
Bronthead, though bright and  
clearful as need be, is not a person  
of deep culture or experience.  
I shall be very glad to see Mr Carter  
whenever he comes. He knows I  
am pleased, and will make all  
allowance for deficiencies. Filian  
and Flora Joseph went to Mrs Bears  
last Saturday, for a French reading.  
You will be glad to know that Mrs  
Bears said Filian's accent was  
perfect, and that evidently great  
pains had been taken in teaching



ter. He spends an hour over French every morning. Mrs Bronchead thought the children were all looking very well and happy. Noel, especially, she said, appeared stronger. He is very happy at school and pleased at the thought of being a boarder. I dare say however, he will be very glad of the weekly glimpse of home. The alterations in the garden are now quite complete. The rock work round the damson tree is very pretty. I hope you and the children will spend many pleasant hours there. I do not say anything about your references to the matter of a letter, because you do not seem to have caught the meaning of what I said. I never blamed you in any way, or Diana, as regards the "condition". It is only the impression which a letter is seeking to produce in Diana's mind. But my feeling about all this now, is one of quiet hopefulness. It will go its own way. My thoughts are always with you and I hope you will be brought safely home. My mother sends her love to you. Love loving Et.