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See Hollies. May 28th/85.

My dear Husband,

First of all, will you by
next mail, or the mail after, send
a copy of Noel's certificate of birth.
Mr. Douglas says it will be required
before entrance for the Marlboro's scholar-
ship. You said in your last you were
going to send £30 by Pay Office, and I
had said in my letter the week before,
after receiving the £30 by Bank draft,
that I thought I could manage without
more at present; but if you can con-
veniently send this £30 by the Pay Office
it will certainly be acceptable, as
Iliam's going away is a great expense.
I never after that £30. You need
not send any more for four months,
as I shall have the dividends to fall
back upon, and you must keep us
much in hand as will do your travelling
and bring you home comfortably.
I have an idea that that Oxford course
might be a good thing. You could
easily take your terms there whilst
we remained in this house. Oxford
is only 2½ hours from Malvern, on
the direct line. Such a calm, quiet

time of study would be most valuable
to you, and would not take you
away nearly so much as a secretaryship,
which later, if you cared for it, you could
perhaps get later on. And then the
Oxford residence would help you to
work afterwards, I mean would help you
to a Jewish. But we can talk of all
this afterwards. That you should come
home is the great matter. I heartily
agree with Mr. Lawton that coming
home is far better than the Cork -
deaconry. Poor man, what a time he
has had. I am writing to him by this
mail (but I will not tell him you
sent me his letter, as he might not
like it) to say I have heard from you
that he is bringing his wife home in
October, and asking them both to
come and see us. He is one of the few,
very few men, I entirely respect.

Mamma's present condition shuts
us up almost entirely from guests,
except such as I can leave to themselves,
or to the children. She seems now to
have reached a sort of stage again, in
which she may continue some time.

And she requires us such constant,
careful nursing, that my time, even
with the help of Mr. L. who stays altogether
with us, is fully occupied. He takes
turns in being with her during the
nights, but the responsibility of the
nursing is of course with me, and I
scarcely ever go outside the gate. I was
at church last Sunday for the first
time for a month. Mamma sends
her love to you. She has a vivid remem-
brance of all your kindness to her. Did
I tell you Frank sent her such a nice
copy of the Revised Bible. I wrote to thank
him, and received, next morning, a
long telegram, most affectionate and
brotherly. Poor Frank. I shall be truly glad
to see him and be a sister to him when
you come home. I read the Revision
from this Revised Version three a day,
and it is strange how quickly she notices
any change in the language. Her power
of naming both names and things
has now almost failed her, so that con-
versation is very difficult, but she can
quite receive all that is said to her.
My work, though arduous now, is a very
blessed one. Mr. L. thanks you very much
for your letter, and for your kindness
about Mamma's life, but she says you

You are not to think of such a thing, as
she has read the book. I hope you will get
the New Bible all right, will you take care
of any stamps that may be on it, and
indeed of any stamps you can get, for
the children, who are very busy collecting.
An Art gallery has lately been opened
in Malvern and I have taken a season
ticket for Noel, as I think it will be a
good means of education for him.
He went yesterday. I fancy the young
man in charge found out his love
for painting, for he entered into con-
versation with him and seemed to
take quite an interest in him. I dare say
he would be surprised at Noel's know-
ledge of painters and their works.
Mabel goes steadily on. She does about
two hours' work at French and German
every day, and practices. Mrs Joseph, Mrs
Reeds and Mrs Lennyson are very kind
in often coming in with them. Miss
Johnson comes to us in about a month
and will take both Noel and Mabel back
with her for a visit to Alfred in their
holidays. I have just had a letter from
Miss Atkinson. (Accountant's female sister)
asking if I can tell her of lodgings at
Malvern. Do take care of yourself and
don't stay in that room if it is not healthy.
Love ever loving &c.