

Dry Lodge  
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my dearest Auntie.

I heard lately of a man, who found it a great relief to his feelings, to use "vituperious" language; so I think I shall try his recipe, to the extent of calling you a little monkey! Quill todyned indeed!! - I wonder what your Ladyship's next proposal will be!!! -

Joking apart tho', Auntie dear, you must admit that coming to us, need not be classed amongst the "fatiguing"

sort of visits; as we keep  
up no ceremony whatever:  
You may be as quiet as  
a mouse if you please.  
As for the notion of your  
bringing me: well! I shall  
give you due notice when  
I do begin to feel tired.  
No, we shall be wholly, &  
sincerely delighted to have  
you, not for a "few days":  
but for as many days, or  
weeks as you can possibly  
stay. - We have no intention  
of going to the Country be-  
fore August; it is not in  
the least imperative even there

So there need be no difficulty  
about the time. It was too  
bad of me not to have  
written sooner, but I was  
dreadfully worried before  
the term, with house-work  
& headaches combined, but  
now that the new girls  
are getting used to their  
duties; there is, I think, a  
fair prospect of settled peace.  
I had serious thoughts of  
visiting friends in London  
this spring; but came to  
the conclusion that it would  
be more toil than pleasure  
having charge of baby all the

time. — Jane, has gone to  
Dunbar: she is boarding  
at a private hotel. I don't  
know what her plans  
are, with regard to you;  
but there no doubt she  
will want her share, &  
not someone else's at all.  
Never dream of replying to  
this Auntie; I know what  
a bore letter-writing is,  
when one is from home.  
Just drop us a card, the  
day before you come.

Ever your loving niece  
Ellen.