

58 rue de Vaugirard, Tuesday, Oct. 26
1875.

~~William~~
Christy

My dear Father,
I have received your letter of the 7th inst; and I have also received my honour payments, for which I am much obliged. I have also to thank you for a copy of "The Dawn of Life" which I received this morning.

I called on M^r. Hollard yesterday (the pastor of the church in the Rue de Madame) and said to him that I wished to join his congregation. I gave him the note from M^r. Baxter also. Of course he knows me now, as I have seen him several times and have also been attending his church. His is the "Eglise Evangelique" which is I think decidedly better than the "Lutheran". He is also very highly spoken of by very all and I think with good reason, as he seems to be very earnest & practical in his sermons. His age I should judge to be between 30 & 35. I think it was

better to join his church than merely to continue to attend although there are some, he tells me, who attend regularly and partake also of the Communion without having joined as members, but it seems that they are generally persons who used to belong to the Lutherans, ^{but} who have ~~been~~ found that they get more good at his church, but still do not like to break with their former associations.

I also spoke again about boarding in a family. He gave me the name of a ~~de~~ ^{me} Pradel, 86 Boulevard de Port Royal, whom he said he could recommend, and mentioned also that Mr Dyke knew something of her.

I saw Dyke ~~after~~ at the Reunion - the Association meeting - yesterday evening. He told me in the first place that ~~de~~ ^{me} P. was not a Protestant, which made me feel inclined to give the thing up at the outset. He advised me however to go and call on one of the young fellows who at present is boarding there and ask him about it. He is a member of the Association, and I already know

him slightly, and as he and another Christian young man are going to be there this winter, Dyke said that I ought not to give up the matter so easily, but to make a few further inquiries. The other's name is Dorion, & he is expected in a few days.

I went there this morning to call on Mr. Courdoun, the one who is now there, he is a medical student. The Boarding in question begins a little past the far end of the Luxembourg gardens, and the house is near this end of it. Still it is about quarters of an hour's walk from here. I found the arrangements there entirely different from what I had expected. Courdoun does not live with ~~de~~ ^{me} Pradel in the ordinary sense of the term but is on the flat above. The 1st rooms however belong to ~~de~~ ^{me} P. but he is just as independent as I am and takes all his meals out. But the novelty of the arrangement is ~~the way~~ in this; there are four rooms along the front of the flat all overlooking the Boulevard, and as the houses opposite are low, & the rooms on the third flat they also have somewhat of a view, and facing

the south they have plenty of light.
Well then, a passage runs behind these
rooms off which they open, and on the
other side of the passage there is a kit-
chen with a tile floor and a sort of
range for cooking. In the kitchen also
there is a watertrap, the first I have
seen in Paris in a house, and also
beyond everything else in the way of a
wonder, a large flat hot-bath, with
an arrangement which can be hung from
the roof above it, whereby a shower-
bath can be obtained. The best of the
two rooms which are now untenanted
is the one between Dorion's & Andouin's.
It is not so large as the one I have
at present, but a very nice comfortable
room, with one large window. I am
beginning to have a decided prejudice
against large rooms with two win-
dows, as I think that they are likely
to be decidedly cold, or at least
difficult to keep warm in winter.
In regard to this one, Halman was
just saying this morning that he
has been thinking of my idea of getting
a little stove for this room, and says
that he does not think one so small
as I spoke of would be sufficient.

But I must hasten to conclude
as this must be mailed before five
and it will also soon be overweight
if I do not.

To make the matter short, I am
beginning to think that it will be
a matter of some difficulty to keep
this room warm in winter, i.e.
whenever it really begins to get cold.
This is my only objection to it. In the
matter of service, and ~~the~~ ^{with} its furniture
I am quite satisfied. In regard to
the other place, it will be much easier
to heat as there are other stories above
it, & besides the room is not so large.
The only objection to it is the great
distance from the School. It will
be nearly half an hour's walk. Still
as I find that the roll is not called
till 5 minutes before nine, & that we
need not be there till the quarter to nine
this makes some little difference.
The principal advantage of the other
place is the company. It ~~will~~ ^{would} cer-
tainly be very nice to have two nice
Christian young men as companions
and both of them too so that it would

I have plenty opportunity to speak French, and also an easy means of correcting anything I may write in French &c. There also, there is the bath which should not be left out of account. Also if there were three of us, it might be worth while to set the kitchen in working order, get in a cook, & have our meals together, but of course this is only a possibility. Although the room has less furniture in it than this; it what there is, is of a very superior quality and altogether the room is more like one belonging to a family, ~~as~~ than rooms that are usually rented. As for ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ Pradel, she is merely a figure-head. Although the room itself is small, there is another across the passage that goes with it in which I can put my trunks, & hang my clothes on a row of wooden pins along one side.

I said I would tell ~~all~~ ~~me~~ on Thursday my decision. I will also speak to Dyke about it. I will change on Saturday if I decide to go. I need not telegraph as I pass the door here on my way to & from the School. Yours affectionately, William