

WSD Mtl. 24 July, 87.
Russell

Dear Father,

I send with this the drawings which I have now finished & also the papers you ask for. I am sure I am very glad to be able to do any little thing for you. If there is anything you do not find right about the drawings please let me have them again to alter.

The new chair-back you ordered at Armstrongs has been sent some time ago, & Florence finds it very comfortable. We continue to enjoy the garden & I can see your good arrangements.

ment as there are hardly any
flowers now except a few holly-
locks. The raspberries & black-
berries fare rather badly as they
ought to have been looked after
& pruned earlier in the season.
They will need almost constant
attention to keep them in good
bearing condition. Much the same
may be said of the grape vines
which are apt to straggle out
into long branches. The tree fruit
is doing well on the whole.

I have plenty of time in the
middle of the day if there is
anything I can do for you in
Town. I take lunch in town
now, & so have always time
to spare.

We are all well; + Victor is
settling on nicely. He is really a
very good child, + always wil-
ling to do what he is told. He
is of course fairly troublesome
so he is so restless + active minded,
+ pulls everything about that
is not higher than he can reach.
He can also push a chair along
now, + climb on top of almost
anything by its help as a step-
ladder. I have had to put up
two high shelves in the nursery,
as he has broken nearly the
whole outfit of nursery china
during the last few weeks; so
you see his goodness is not
of the idiotic variety of those
children who are simply good
because they have no ideas.

I have become more convinced
that no one sh^d be accepted
as an authority on linguistic
subjects who has not personally
brought up at least 6 children,
as I can see already that all
the ordinary theories on the subject
are entirely without foundation.
One curious point I notice; we
instend Victor to call us "Father"
& "Mother" from the first; & his near-
est approach to "Father" is "Ab-ber",
which he now says quite distinctly
& intelligently, thus connecting the
two root forms of the word.

We had a sermon this morn^g
on the loving kindness of God as
a Father, & it surprised me to
see how much more intelligible
it is to me now; thanks to
dear little Victor.

With love to all from us both,
Your affectionate son William