

Mrs Armstrong  
Barnmore  
expecting baby.

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Told House

Aug<sup>r</sup>. 4.<sup>th</sup>  
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My dear Mr Dawson,

I feel dreadfully  
ashamed to think I have  
never written to you since  
the receipt of J. Dawson's  
first letter, announcing of  
proposed visit to England;  
& worst of all that I have  
kept my husband's letter  
waiting a week for my

enclosure! But I am sure you  
will forgive & excuse me when  
I tell you the reason & not  
for one moment believe that  
I was not delighted to hear  
there was a prospect of soon  
seeing you & giving you a  
heartly welcome to England.  
The truth is I am expecting  
another baby in October if  
all is well. & perhaps you  
remember that I am one of  
the unfortunate ones whose  
life is always a burden to

them during the 9 months  
of expectancy. This time is  
no exception to the rule tho'  
for me I have been fairly well.  
But we have had a ~~series~~  
series of domestic Calamities  
during the past month, &  
in consequence I got upset  
& have been quite ill, & able  
to do literally nothing but  
my actual daily duties.  
Letter writing was out of the  
question.

I need not I am sure tell  
you how pleased we are to



think that we may leave  
the pleasure of meeting you  
once again. Our only trouble  
is that we can't say "Come  
to us at once". However we  
hope that it may not pre-  
vent you spending what  
time you can spare with  
us. I am going to tell you  
exactly how we are situated  
& then leave it to you. I  
expect my confinement about  
the 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. & of course before

them 7 for a month or 5 weeks  
afterwards, I fear we could  
not entertain you. but  
if all's well. after them. all  
through the winter & into next  
year we are quite at liberty  
(humanly speaking) & beg  
you will choose your own  
time for paying us a visit.  
What we should like, if  
J. Dawson could manage  
it, would be for him to  
choose the Dec: 4<sup>th</sup> for his

lecture here - & for you all  
to come then for as long as  
you could - & then for you  
to spend a week or ten  
days with us at Grassmere  
during the Spring or Summers  
of 1884. We are almost sure  
to go there for Easter. It seems  
a long time to fix or to  
plan beforehand, but I know  
what request you will be in  
amongst your numerous



friends & how much you  
will have to see & to do; &  
if we don't speak in good  
time, we shall probably  
not have a chance! So  
now I leave the matter in  
your hands to be done in  
among your numerous  
plans - only promising  
you a hearty welcome  
whenever you decide to come.

I wish the Harringtons were  
coming too, but I suppose you  
could not all leave together.  
What a long time it ~~seems~~<sup>was</sup>  
since we saw you! You  
will realize it fully when  
you see Cyril. I suppose  
we shall hear what ship  
you sail by - & shall pray  
for a safe & prosperous voyage  
for you. With very kind  
regards to J. Dawson & the  
Harringtons & love to y. self  
Believe me, dear Mr. Dawson,