

20 Halsey St London

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Life in London

Church - meetings & Soirées etc

Interesting people

My dear Darling Anna

Have got fairly realised that Papa & I are domiciled at Mrs Gasts eating, drinking, talking & walking with Mrs Perry. I am truly & ardently longing for letters from our precious ones in America. I dare not trust myself to try to realize the length of the weary tossing way that lies between, such a sinking of heart comes over me. The panorama of life has moved so rapidly since we came to London that it appears to me that I must have been here a month. I we have just passed

one week & one day. Now that a
little preliminary business has been done
& we are settling into an order regularity
my milk pass has markedly than before
got far from monotonously for every
day brings new engagements & invitations.

For the first three days after our
arrival I let off with papa immediately
after breakfast accompanying him his
pass, Cab & foot pad into office through
collections out & in the noisiest parts of the
City in the hope of doing little odds & ends
of my own business until I became so
thoroughly overworked that I was seriously afraid
of being ill. & since I have been acting more
moderately & only yesterday & today have had
the pleasure of being free of that confused
feeling in my head of which I wish to
complain. On the first day after getting
his pass & I went to an adj. Mrs. Coausajona

of the Microscopical Club. There we saw
Mr & Mrs Carpenter. They are very unlike
their namesakes in Montreal. Mr C.
treated both Papa & I with indifference
& the lady with superciliousness. We did
not know another Jasper in a crowd
of about 500 people. I have since been
told that they are sometimes called Mr
& Mrs Boniville. They are so fastidious. Neither
of them have called upon us. Just they
we called upon Mr & Mrs Bigoby. I got the
truly & true welcome I had hoped to receive
I remained with them while Papa did
some business when he returned we had
had lunch there & then a long afternoon
of amusements to the noisy streets. I got a water-
proof at a shop recommended by Mrs Bigoby
& paid £2.2.00 sterling - I think this very cheap
indeed nearly every thing I have bought
is priced seems to me more expensive
than it will have been in Canada. So

that I have no other unless I happen
to see something I am sure is cheap
to defer all my purchases until I go to London
I owe to the thoughtful kindness of Miss
B. who wrote giving me an introduction
to a wholesale silk warehouse I have
been fortunate in getting a dress for
myself at a moderate price. a sample
of which, if I don't forget I shall enclose.

The reason I have not gone to the
address given me by Mrs. Selwyn is that
I had no opportunity of getting near the
part of London where Mrs. Atkinson lives
until Perry took me last Saturday
& then she was out. She returned my call
on Monday seems a pleasant kindly woman
& has asked me to lunch with her tomorrow
to her I wanted so long I should
probably have required my dress before
I could have got it made. I took

going towards a plain looking Church
we drifted with them & found that it
was Mr a person whom Mrs Noble
had begged of me to go to hear - she would
me that it was high & high it was with
liked & the sermon. In the ev. we made a
more successful attempt - found the Church
but not Mr Graves however we had sub-
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excellent good teaching as the reasons why
Jesus came especially to preach the Gospel to
the poor. I have spoken too long about
myself that I chuse you are wally to say
I wish Mamma wd let me of something
else & her own I without tithis time
or space to do so & I wd write a dozen
more sheets if my eyes wd keep open so
long. Perry's complexion looks healthier &
in the mornings he seems better than he used
to do. towards ev. he looks wearied - we
have been the cause of his exerting himself

the dress to Mrs Millas recommended by
Mrs Selwyn or had found she did not give
it to me for three weeks. Now it is in
the hands of a person recommended by
Mrs Priest. Whether it may be a success
remains to be seen. We have had no
kind of politeness from Sir John & Lady Rose
I lunched with her today & afterwards drove
in the Park Regent St. & until dinner time
Papa is dining today at the Zoological Club
Mr Bigsby's guest. Saturday Mr Macmillan
is to call for us to drive us to his country
house there to dine with him. Tomorrow
evening we are invited to Mr Brown's
table of Cape Breton. Saturday noon I am
engaged to meet Mr Bigsby's hosts who
is to take me to Mrs Ranyards "Lecture of
Sept". Wednesday of next week we are invited
to give Mrs Laird of "Art" - one of the distinguished
meetings of the season. We have also an invitation

from dally byek to dinner on the 9th May.
This is not quite all our list but if I
continue to fill my paper with such a
Catalogue I fear my letter will prove
uninteresting & you will think of us as passing
through an increasing period of dissipation
yet you may be sure papa is not wasting
time - he writes as much before breakfast
every morning as he did just before we
left home. Letters seem to pour in here
in as great numbers as at home. The number
I have received is quite wonderful.

Amongst others a very kind letter from
Mrs. Kohl asking us to go to see her. but
as papa intends to leave two days next
week to go to Manchester I do not yet see
the way open to accept her kindness. Capt.
Lyttleton has called & I think is going to help
me efficiently in the matter of going to see
different kinds of steam work here. I have

got succeeded in finding Madam Elie
the door by which I was to reach Mrs
Hanky - I have not however made
a really arduous effort. Let me tell you
of two little coincidents which have occurred
to us in this little village. The persons to whom
me had an introduction for silk's received
us graciously & showed us the goods without
reserve. I asked if they had a glove department
& if he wd give me a dog pair - he was quite
willing but just as one very thin Com-
munities of the partners saying I had been
recognized by Mr Grey of Montreal who was
then in the warehouse as a customer of his
I he was not willing that I shd know whole
sale prices - to there ended my priviledges! On
Sunday papa P. & I started to go to Mr Graves's
not having a precise address we wandered
about without success until we were
nearly there falling in with a stream of people

Thursday afternoon

I no mail from Canada. Mrs. M. that
highly favour with so short & inopportune
a way. I say is that sure that he
will be back in time to write to you. I last
evg. he was our tenth paper. It took me
all this forenoon to go to the dress makers. I
would have liked to accompany papa to
have a lecture by Prof. Spence this afternoon
but have remained at home in order
to finish this & if not interrupted to Rankine
Papa has bids me make an apology for his
not writing - he has been really busy. I am so
glad that I bought as many dresses as I did
I am now evg. we are to go to another full dress
soiree - invited by his Parish Church. I
intend to wear my black tulle. My new dress will
be ready for Lady Dyck's. For four days after
we came the weather was quite warm. Sunday
yesterday & today piercingly cold. We have on a
fire today. The parks & houses are gay with flowers
Bright sunshine all the time!! I have not
in dress seen anything very different from what we

have seen in Canada. The windows of the
Régence St. shops show a large predominance of
striped silks. I saw one exactly like your green
black silk jackets for St. I short Oriental looking
jackets in place of Opera cloaks seem to prevail
now but very young girls seem to wear
hats. Bonnets are trimmed extremely high. They
did fail to rival the Highlandman's hats
without exaggeration some of them stand
a quarter of a yard higher than the head.

I send you by pattern just one of the
Gothic Chapeau hats I have seen in passing
the windows - It is merely a temporary substitute
for the one I carried off from you - when
I go to Crystal Palace I may see something
better.

I am greatly disappointed to mail this
before hearing from you. Whatever your
needs may be we have rendered ourselves
helpless to assist you - we are long to
practically to depend on our Heavenly Father's

My sincere intention to send Mr. & Mrs. Carpenter to visit Mrs. & Miss
Mrs. Carpenter will come in 2 weeks

Our His unmeasured kindness to us in the
past only he to stimulate us to trust Him
unreservedly at all times. One of my greatest
Comforts in Commending you to His guidance
is to remind myself that He is your Father
as well as mine. That He loves you & will
never try nor allow you to be tempted above
what you are able to bear. Continue however
my dear Child to watch as well as pray
you are filling a most responsible position
& require both wisdom & prudence. Having
had a quiet time I have written at length
I know not how to frame loving messages
to all - words are so conventional - when
the heart wishes to speak.

Faith best blessings rest upon you.
Given not the Spirit, but follows His guidance
Loving remembrance to Mr. C. Mrs. B. mine.
Also to Miss S. & others. Mrs. Carpenter. I gave her
present to Miss C. but she was too sick to see me
Ever where are your loving Mother

more than usual & it is evident he
has not strength for this. So we are
now more careful about him. We find
Mr. Priest very comfortable. On the first
floor there is an extremely small dining room
& bedroom which Perry now occupies.
On the second a drawing room with
two windows occupying the whole front
of the house. This we have for our private
sitting room. It is well furnished with
quite a number of handsome ornaments
piano &c. 1 bedroom on this flat. Just flat
two bedrooms the front one as large as
the drawing room which P. has kindly given
up to us. The price is tolerably good. I have
just paid my week's board £3.12.8. It is not
altogether agreeable to sit at table with
the young men. They are however very respectable ^{but}
& Mr. Henson seems well. Mr. Priest is a short
slight neat little woman with very dark complexion
& a good deal to say about herself & her friends.