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Tuesday evening

Bernard my dearest, Will you think
that my pen is much quiet?
Let me explain - My feelings
assure me that I have been
here at least 3 weeks I scarcely
one letter a week is not sufficient
to write to some one, I love so
well. — Today the fine
weather has returned &
Sophie & I have been for a
drive in "the Valise" stopping to
pick wild flowers by the way
there is one lovely sort of diadema
(Is that how to spell it?) I never
saw before, pale pink & white
a delicious odor - When we
got back I found your letter
& as we were late Mrs Brown
said I sh^d not have it till after

tea. I submitted as when I
c^d see the letter, I wd rather
wait & read it quietly. I
don't think I will tell you how
often I read it over, you know
I have a bad memory, & require
to give close attention to anything
important, .. I think it is
the nicest letter you ever sent
me, because it just tells me
what you are doing, & what you
are thinking about dear, & you
must always "moralize" to me if
that is what you call it. I
shall certainly not be tired of it.
I am glad that you feel solemn
for that is just how I feel
myself, & I think we ought to
feel so. for it certainly is not a
light thing, to make promises which
are to last all our lives long.
I feel like saying with Moses of
Lord - "If Thy presence go not with
us carry us not up hence" & the
fast answer which He surely is
as ready to give his children now as
then, "comes in benediction" "My
presence shall go with thee, & I will

give thee rest - " That is the one
only thing I really fear, the losing
the "sunshine of his face" & if
we dwell in the light of his
countenance we need fear no
evil - " & for my own part I
don't think I do fear it - " Evil
is no longer evil but good if
God allows it - & shows us that
it is his way I will - &

As to trusting you, dear
heart, of course I trust you, I
loved you long before I learned
to love you, I think that was
partly the reason I did learn
to love you, because I believed in
you & I was really aware of
how few people one could believe in.
I certainly dearest, as I love you
more, I do not trust you less.
Every day I only feel more & more
that I need have no fear in
trusting you wholly & entirely -
do I not prove it by my love when
I am willing to give my whole
life into your keeping -

I am so glad that Mr. Stevens
preached from that text - on
Sunday when I & Alice & I went down

To the brook I said Do you
know the text made far today
& Sophie said yes I repeated
those exquisite lines you
have quoted. I all day they
rang in my heart like music
& I longed to tell my beloved
B. - & all the time he was listening
to the same melody as I was!

I am very glad you had
a nice talk with my people
mamma is like yourself some
what reserved & I fear you
two will need an earthquake
to shake down the barriers &
make you rush into one another's
arms as you should. If only
you wd tell them not to call
you Dr Harrington - it wd be
a relief to my mind.

My inclinations do not at
all turn to Philadelphia though
the news of the Fed - exhibition
is certainly very satisfactory, es-
pecially as at dear friend's I min
had so much to do with it, still
that is exactly what I sh^d have
expected when he had a hand in
one of the young turkeys here

dipl., & Sophie & I in the capacity ⁽²⁾
of carovers decided, that it
was carried off by infantile
debility" - the others seem
to promise well so far,
though Charlie insisted on their
having ginger pills, which seem
to me rather an unnatural
start in life for such creatures.

As you say - I think we
are very happy in agreeing on
so many points, & as we both
only wish to attain to "the truth"
in all things - (though that
abstract truth, is more clear
to me by calling it "God's will
in earth as in heaven") we
must both be patient if some-
times we seek it by different
paths - if we always ask for
more love, better & truer love -
I don't think we shall drift apart
or lose our happiness for
the love that God gives, tears,
hope & includes all things, &
what is still better "is not easily
provoked" - which said, being
easily provoked is the general
cause of discord -

Dear my own dearest, I have
certainly returned moralizing
for moralizing, but if you like
mine, as well as I like yours, it
will be "all right" - I am sorry
to think that you probably got
no letter from me till Thursday
but I sent it by the very
first post which left here on
Monday morning - I intend
to leave by the early train
Thursday, it leaves Richmond at
7 o' - I get in about 11 - I think
but - no time-table being in the
house I cannot be sure - I fear
the hour of arrival will be in-
convenient for you, but I do
not like to put off returning, as
I know so many things ought
to be done - I mamma will be
worrying herself about them.

I thank you for the "Kevch"

It was a very pleasant
evening amusement for
us all -

Your loving

Anna