

Lizzie Melis
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Dearest - Bernard,

So lovely weather
& we were sorry not to
see the children. Poor
things it is hard for them

I don't know how you
could have made it out better
to keep them unless to finish
Lucy - however the few
days will soon be over now

I have not been working
Kath has at top speed & little
pace but she seems to en-
joy it & she is picking up a
little flesh - in spite of her
activity I have been reading
Black House to K. & E. & it
is amusing to see how clear-
ly the latter takes in all the
points - I remember each

detail of character - I consider that Louis has not done badly, for the first-year, but we have been glad of more success, as a stimulus for the future - I must write to Miss Fairley about the Arithmetic - will wait - till I see Louis' report - I wd like to present the possibility of that Miss C. being continued next year - It is odd how much difficulty Miss F. always seems to find in getting good results in Mathematics. In the public schools it is so systematized & repeated & repeated that I fancy the teachers scarcely can go wrong.

I believe Victor is to have the task of coaching Keller in Arithmetic, he is supposed to be behind-hand in it in reference to the public schools. He and his flock look very well - but she seems pretty fagged out herself - & complains of incapacity to fur

one raised -

I enclose you the check for \$200.00
It is absolute capital - I ought to have
500.00 left - in my account - I knew that I
had a little more down but refused to make
it - right by the end of the summer - I have
felt at liberty to go on with education &
educative advantages to the extent of my
income - I have always done a good deal
also towards household expenses - I
spent \$100.00 in furniture in clothing &
house linen, & remaining household things
but if ever acted returning expenses as
to require my help, I shall have to stop the
education in future - as that interest -
on the house mortgage has also been swallow-
ed up in the same - perhaps it is not

unnatural when the reg^s of the family
& the great-uncle in Mexico is considered &
but I believe it wd be much wiser to
the girl's advantage, to have their own living
than to import & receive at home, when we can
not give them social advantages - or see
people freely at our own home. They are
capable of hard-work & might as well
be paid for it, as toil for profits who get
easily they what they want.

However I suppose we will see
along somewhere, this summer, & may as
well be as hoping as we can, & spend as
little ... As we shall delight in it all the
summer & be as quietly country as at
present - with much more
amuse