

Parting advice
to George when he
goes to England - a very
long & kind letter

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Friday evening
last night aft home
for you dear old
boy

Dearest of Georges

I am sure that by this time you must be quite in want of a little sisterly advice. In the first place I hope that you have not been sea-sick at least not very, for in that case all the ginger-bread & apples (regular school boy treats) will doubtless have been applied to satisfying the hunger of Mr. Kimmer who being very grateful is doubtless blessed with a very vigorous appetite. I hope she has made himself agreeable without much compulsion on your

part, especially as such compulsion
might entail the necessity
of disturbing my beautiful
layers of packing, however it
is not much I use entertaining
you with endless sentences
beginning "I hope" so to get
on to my advice - You must
not read too much like a
dear brother for my heart
is set on hearing that you
have green quite feet before
you reach the other side
for you must remember
that you will have no
more sea voyages to recruit
all winter so you must
be jolly & Tar's, just now, I get
plenty of Wealth for the long
stuffy, smoky, hard working
winter, now don't think that
this is all Anna's nonsense
for you know in your

own wise head that it is
quite true - If you feel at
all home sick, just try to cure
it by thinking how miserable
we must all be without
you, especially me, for you
know how much, much, much
I must miss my own eldest
& dearest brother, What shall
I do with no one to lecture
me now, I am used to do
a little that way, & now that
you both are gone, I am
afraid I will be sadly in
want of pruning, for I am
too blind to my faults to
be very severe -

Now I want to beg of you
dearest, to read your Bible
every day either morning or
evening, be sure you do, if you
do not care for it yet, do it
for its own sake, do it
at present for mine, if you
love me the least little bit.

don't forget dear, you may
be so glad of it some day,
& you will be sure to hear
such a lot of those horrible
sophistical, rationalistic, argu-
ments & doctrines, that if
you have no knowledge of
the Bible, will very easily
overthrow your little faith.
It is not fair to condemn
anything unheard, & at least
you ought to be well in-
formed in the letter of the
Holy Bible, which is such a
work of contention in these days.
Now I expect you in every
letter to tell me if you have
read your daily let, if far
nothing else, for my sake. &
if you hear any of these specious
arguments against Scripture truths
be sure & write home & tell us
& let papa confute them, which
you know he is so well able
to do. — Now, forgive me
if I have bored you here.

do feel so, so anxious about
your poor soul, of which you
take so little heed or care
of. I tremble when I think
what a terrible stake this
is on your life. A Christian
has such a certain hope, that
come life or death we can
say "All is included well," I mean
if we grieve over the death of
those we love, if we know that
they are the Lord's, we can feel
that the parting is, but for a
time, while I dare not think
of the possibility of any accident
befalling my own poor George, for
whose life I would so willingly
give my own. I want you
to remember this verse I think
of it till you see its full mean-
ing - "For the things which are
seen are temporal, but those
which are not seen are eternal."
It needs no comment.

You I have written you
quite a letter & "I hope" that
it will cheer you up a
little, I also make you think
a little perhaps.

Your darling, with much
much love, I am as ever
Your soon soon
Anne

Be sure you write soon
for it will seem so long
before I hear from you, &
be sure you tell me, your
particular, private thoughts &
sentiments. Don't just a general
letter that might be for anyone.
You may be sure that

collected all your commission
Yours truly
A. L. D.

I have not time to read this over and
so excuse mistakes -