

Myself to Mr. Beecher & I told
him many things about people
difficulties that he never wd
have told himself & that ought
to enter their considerations
in making changes. I got
Credit Commendation from
P. P. & said I hope matters
will take a turn for the
better. She on 9th the final
settlement of some of these
things is tomorrow. Saturday
I has told you that Alfred
is to be married on the 30th
with our (i.e. Mrs. Beecher's)
most united love. I believe
myself your loving Mother

faithless of mortals - your long diligence
& the lack of anything worthy to be called
correspondence - that your circumstances
induce, seem to paralyze my power
of writing regularly to you. first I keep
waiting for a letter from you, then I
wait for a nice quiet time to write - a
thing not to be obtained at Mr. Gill Colley,
then I argue that I know nothing of the
times of connections at San Francisco & so
on. I as I have established a weekly
communication with William Arms
& the others they me & say that he is my

telegram on the following morning saying
he was to have Victoria on the 10th, when
they told her. No one here knows yet the
cause of his postponement. but by next week
we hope to see him. We also expect to get our
first letters from you & are on the qui vive
to hear your comments upon the great news
of the family, fearing a little that the spice
will be gone from your having had to
write the letters twice. The love-making pro-
gresses more & more to the satisfaction of the
parties most interested. & yesterday Bernard
started us by telling us he had made his
first purchase of furniture. viz: a bedroom
set & a hall stand & table. He is going to
apply to Arthur Brown to store these in his
great attic until required. Sir W. Logan's
furniture is going to be sold one of these
days, either by private sale or auction
& as his dining room & drawing room things
are quite new & very good we are going

to inspect them before ^{they} appeared to the public.

Of course you have heard from some members of the family that Eva entered the new girls high-school in Sep. There has lately been an examination, partly to get the girls more carefully classified, when Eva has come out fourth in her class of 25. She has just begun drawing lessons from Mr. Bird who has the appointment of drawing master to it & the boys' school.

We here regularly every week from Dr. he has just changed his maison maublée. His address is now 86 Boulevard de Part. Royal.

I had a letter from Ella Kemp yesterday. She wished your address, which I have sent her today. Papa's new house is now divided into rooms & the plastering of the first flat is finished. The Contractor promises to finish it by February. Wouldn't it be charming if Anna et line there. But she thinks it too large & expensive to furnish.

There are Calley re-arrangements going on at present that I pray may result in amelioration of Papa's work. I picked up Couray lately & went

favourite son. Now this cannot be
 permitted, just stays is cheap in your di-
 rection & dear to William's. I when Mr. Selwyn
 returns we expect to get reliable infor-
 mation about the times of the boats con-
 nection with the trains. We have mourned
 sadly the loss of your first letters from
 Victoria, doubtless sunk in the "Pacific" &
 get felt ashamed to allow that to trouble
 us, when so many have suffered the
 loss of near friends. We had an anxious
 day after hearing of the wreck until the tel:
 was received to say that Mr. Selwyn had
~~not~~ left. Was it not wise & thoughtful of
 Charlie; when he saw the notice of the loss
 of the "Pacific", which he did at his office, he
 ran home & told Newman to burn the news
 paper & to see that nobody, who knew of the
 event, came near his mother, consequently
 she never heard of it until after she got Mr. S's

My self to Mr. Selwyn, I told