

Wallace Place

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Dearest George,

The lovely summer weather that we have hitherto enjoyed, has at least gone & a wet, sad rain makes us sorrowfully sure that the winter is at hand. I dare say you are beginning to tire of fields & sky. I think of the shelter of a town house as not-unpleasant - I do hope you will get home early this year. The house at Weymouth seems quite desolate since William left. My mamma has not been very strong this autumn & the usual autumn hurry has been rather much for her. Of views there is no lack - meetings by the sea - Dr Wolser & Pether, Shephard - R. A. Ramsey & Kate

Duff - Mrs Skelton & Silda Knudsen  
& Annegoodfrey & Ernest Black  
well have been united in  
the holy bonds during the last  
few weeks - Also mine was  
married last week, of course  
we have yet heard no particu-  
lars of that - Dr Hunt has  
at last made up his doubtful  
mind, & fixed upon Anna  
Gale, who is to become the  
niece Mrs Perry & - in Jan-  
uary -

Dear Dr Cline is dead  
5 days illness of Diphtheria  
being his short passage from  
bed to the grave - & dear  
old Mrs Knudsen has gone  
to her rest - Quite well on  
Saturday she had a paral-  
ytic stroke between 10 & 11  
of at night, & remained un-  
conscious till Thursday  
morning when she breathed  
her last - Everyone speaks  
her with love - Dear little  
Sophie of course very well &

lonely, looked quite worn  
out - when I saw her last  
& Dara will feel it such a  
dreadful shock, no warning  
till the blow falls, they can  
not - even write to her till  
tomorrow - Mrs B. was 77  
& her life has been full of  
kind thoughts & acts to every  
one about her - As Mrs. Ben-  
holme said every one in the  
whole township loved & respec-  
ted the Browns, & when they  
heard of her death felt that  
they had lost a friend.

Thus much of others. of  
myself there is little news  
except that at last I am  
really well & strong again  
particularly so considering  
how much I can do in a  
day, when my rest is so  
broken at nights. The baby  
being restless on account of  
his teeth the second pair have  
been nearly through for weeks

but - will not - gratify my  
impatience by appearing.  
He is daily increasing in  
wisdom, & is a very knowing  
little specimen for his age.  
As for muscle, just about the  
he pulls your hair, & you  
will feel what a young  
Samson he is - He is very  
willful, as I suppose most  
humans are, but - good tem-  
pered so I hope you will be  
able to manage him =

Mr Selwyn is rushing all  
over the country about the Paris  
exhibition, wh. seems to be again  
put - in the hands of incompetent  
people, I left - very much at loose  
ends -

I did not paint very much  
this summer, but I do not  
return here from such an un-  
artistic place as Metz with-  
out a few slabs of colour.  
I wish I could have a few months  
of ~~some~~ scenery such as you de-

scribe - for the art-mania is  
as strong within me as ever,  
& I don't think that anything  
will ever quite quench it  
certainly neither matrimony  
or maternity has accomplished  
it, only yesterday we had  
such a sky as Turner loves,  
& I longed to put it in my  
book, but - was too hurried -  
I long for you to see your  
little namesake - he has thus  
amply appreciated your  
gift & delights in his carriage,  
much preferring to sleep in  
it - than in his cradle, it has  
been perfectly invaluable to  
me, saving me many hours  
of carrying about my heavy  
little son - He looks a little  
raw, no more - short dress  
& little boots - filled with  
tutus feet -  
but now I must go  
to him, dear me how

With fond love & wishing  
soon with God's blessing  
see you face to face  
yours very affectionately  
Aunt