

Letters from
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For info

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[Handwritten signature]

Let me have your
exact address. I wanted to
give a letter of introduction to you but could not
knowing where to send.

Wm Hall

- Cant: then I have hesitated. How can it well
Conn. When Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota,
was in Rome - he talked much to me about
it, but I don't believe in Fairchild's feeling
in such matters: & hesitate!

Arrived in England I found my children
had & were a & their only baby. here & I
have been with them & attending to the
business of my will &c. &c. paying me a few
short visits in the neighbourhood of friends,
seeing physicians about my case &c. &c. and
at last, my children departing for Versailles
for a short time, to attend to matters of the
outfit for Rome - when Mr Seward has
appointed him Consul. I have taken my
mother who has been seriously ill all winter
& brought her up here. Mrs Tubbin is with
me, & well. I send you best regards. The
lark has gone home - draft received, for pay,
your draft for water colour rec'd in due time,
many thanks for this & all your kindness.
The statue of "Horace Mann" is up in Boston
& she says that old man of the sea being
off her shoulder, - "I do not much care to pass
by the Boston 'know nothing'". She shall
have the courage to go home next summer
to expect to see us. I shall be so glad to
see you again, dear Mother, & give you &
dear Fanny a good hard squeeze...
for I can't see too hard squeezes, nice & safe

I shall have explained for Rome in the 1st of October. remain
in Paris one week.

Aug 23^d & 24th

The Granby Hotel
by the Starogate
Paris



Dear Willie

I have been too much ashamed
of my self that I have not sooner
replied to your kind & welcome favour,
some of which reached me in Rome
& now this last from New York July 23^d
which I rec'd in due time - forwarded
& which makes me blush even now
deeply at my many short comings.
But I have only the apology of occupa-
tion to offer - occupations & cares, & I have
been much out of health this Spring
& summer, which has made me un-
able to do so much in the way of
letter writing, as I have done before.
Just before the news reached us of the
surrounds of Sec, I began to feel ill &
depressed - & a fit of what I should
call "pains" of that nature not too fre-
quently an ailment for me to indulge

in, forced me to take certain measures, which frustrated me. Then, came the good news from Rome, which lifted me into a seventh heaven of excitement. & then, immediately upon it - the mad telegram of the assassination of the President & the madful attack upon my friends Mr. Steward. From that time - Mr. in Rome, knew nothing more than the telegram announcing the fact, with no particulars. It almost killed me, & I have never quite gotten over the shock. Then, came to me, much heart-broke, with regard to my poor sister little Julia - who was being treated badly & I, utterly prevented from seeing them or going. Then, came to me, or comfort: this, remains a sorrow to me. & then, "I dare say the climate of Rome has had something to do with gradually undermining my constitution, so that I have been very good for nothing all the Spring & Summer. & even the grasshopper war became a bother" - so that little writing, beyond the actual daily correspondence - which are made

necessary, or inevitable, in England by the cheap postage system - has become almost hard work for me. Then, again, too, I fully proposed coming home this summer. But I had soon secured my passage by the "Schoa" for the 26th August. I wanted to attend to some business there - to make my will there - to become a communicant there - & see some dear friends there - but this was overruled, by Mr. Crow, my man of business, & Mr. Hutchinson, my legal adviser, suddenly determining to come on here - thus depriving me of the opportunity of my Philadelphia matter, not having yet assumed a form under which I could act. I was deprived of another - the fourth remained - but was not important enough to make me take such a long voyage: but God willing - I shall come next summer, if it be so long, & shall see you face to face & you & I will talk on the matter of my "partaking the communion" - which I have never yet done. for I have felt as though I was too worldly & did not put my thoughts sufficiently to serious matters. I should a good moral help. I have done no useful work. I have done some good - but I do not think this is enough to admit me a communicant

bring on flesh. so, a success!

I hope you will have found New York
beneficial to Fanny - I think she is as well as
she is good. you may rest low when today
she must make some journey to court
may be a little visit somewhere may be
Savannah - though I had rather she should
be at New York than the lake. New York is
on the most charming climate on
one side of the water. the sea fogs soften
the skin, take out all the wrinkles, &
lets you grow. I don't mean the social
life of New York - which is pitting in
the system - but the climate outdoor life
which is delightful. when I come home
to live. as I hope to do one of these days.
I shall try to leave my home in New York
& then when you tire of the lake - you will
come to see me there. will you not?

Give my love to your mother - I shall be so
glad to see her face again. Kindish
love to Pauline. Miss Josephine & her
beautiful children - whose photos grace
my Roman table: making a picture worthy
of Van Dyck - kindish remembrance
to your aunt Emily - how can she live any
longer the little grand children so long.

I wish you could see mine - he is just the
my bonniest child - white & pink - with
the largest bonniest blue eyes you ever saw.
He does every thing to try to talk - & has a head
which would please you:

For God of our country - what can I say
to show how proud I am of being an
American - how proudly we have behaved
how terrible has been our struggle &
how wonderfully unscathed we are com-
ing out of it. But the Lord is great &
greatly to be praised - he has brought us
out of captivity - & as ours is the arena
for human progress - he will shelter &
protect us.

Let me know some thing of Del Woodson
& Penn Coal Co. - prospect. Now is heading
off any thing very capital good comes
in your way as an investment. Think of
this "old maid" on the water & put in
for her as well as yourself -

God bless you dear Willie. Love forever
from your loving mother

Yours affectionately attached
Aunt Sarah