

Letter from C.C. to Rosalie

(Property of Miss C. Roberts)

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"Dearest Rosalie - Your welcome letter of the 23^d September was sent to Newport & forwarded to me here. I was delighted to receive it - & to have an account of your new home & life & your enjoyment in it - I cannot tell you how comforted I am in the thought of your happiness - nor how thankful I am that I sent Ned over with instructions how to act in the matter. If he had not gone, things would have been so differently settled. now I feel as though I had done what your dear mother & grandmamma would have wished me to do. Ned has such a way with him & is so kindly & good-natured that he generally persuades people to do what he wants. He was very anxious himself to have you happily settled in life & he feels that he has shown his love for you in the best way he could.

He would not have felt that he could have afforded to take such a step by himself - but when I told

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him what I wanted him to do - he was only too delighted to carry out my wishes and instructions - I am so glad to find that you & Mr. Roberts are being so wise as to shut the door upon all the bad behaviour of the Muspratts - & meet them half way. I can thoroughly understand all Mr. Roberts feeling - but when they gave in - & Mr. Roberts carried his point - he could well afford to be magnanimous & accept what they offered - so I am glad the Muspratts have invited & you have accepted their invitations - Life is so short that one has not

time to keep up resentments. & it is much more well bred & Christian to try to forgive injuries & injustice.

Besides the M's are ^{ever} ~~well~~ worth minding! Ned did not describe your house to me - I have not been with him enough since his return for him to do so - he has told me of your presents, & how handsome you looked, & how happy you seemed - & told me of old Mr. Roberts & your brother in law - whom he likes so very much. He told me of the breakfast, & how very well they all received him - as the 'American Cousin' - in fact all that he could remember. I am so happy dear, that you wore some of the lace which was your

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Dear mamma on your wedding dress. It was very sweet of you to think to do so. How fortunate you have been in getting a house all comfortably furnished - belonging to someone you know - & with servants already in it. I wish I could see you in it - & ~~see~~ your housekeeping - you must be so happy & I hope Mr. Roberts is as happy as you are. You must always give my kind love to him for although I have not seen him, I love him because you do. & because he loves you. You cannot know all the love & the anxiety I have felt in [?] & for you - for you have

been trained to think anything of me but what I am - still I think that your last summer with me opened your eyes a little to the real state of my feeling for you - which is - as though you were my own child! - when your dear Mamma died - I felt as though she had left you to my love & care - & I have ever sought & wished to do my duty by her children - apart from the love which they individually excited in me. - Oh, if I could only be permitted to be

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well enough to cross the ocean & see you settled in your home - but this may not be. & if you ever want to see me again - you will have to make Mr. Roberts bring you over here. You will have received my letter of the 20th September long ere this. & will know something of my movements. On the 1st of Oct. I went to Newport & remained there until the 5th, settling up certain matters & arranging for the winter. / Mrs. Gibson is to go. & when the next season arrives - I shall have to get you to send

me out a batch of servants together [?]
Morrison
Moireson [?] will take care of the house this winter - which is to be all painted new. On the 5th I began my readings, - which have been very successful this last week. I have given 5. Next week I read here on Monday - in East Boston, where you first arrived Tuesday - & in Providence on Wednesday - Thursday I go to New York - & read in Phil^a on Friday, returning to N York on the 17th - and on the 19th

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Commence my engag[emen]^t there. I am pretty well up to my work so far - but I never know when I may be stopped. I saw Mrs. Cochran Friday night - & she was so sorry you had not sent her word that you were going to be married - she would have been pleased with the attention & sent you a handsome present - She told me to give you her kindest love & best wishes. The Misses Toles [?] professional people - sail on Wednesday & Sallie got them to take her wedding present to you - which is a work basket made by the Shakers - she hopes you will like it. She sends it with her best love & hopes you will use it // Did you wear your diamond earrings when you were married? // You know they were one of my wedding presents to you! Did you get some drops for them? I send you poor Mrs. Childs letter. How strange it seems, the death of those two, so sudden & so near together. I was to have gone to Swampscott to have passed the day, but I was too exhausted last night to hurry to go down ^{there} after my reading -

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tell you her kindest love & best wishes. The Miss
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] - said on Wednesday
Belle got them to take her wedding present to

it would be so sad there without her. He is going
abroad I hear - if he goes to Liverpool you must
ask him to stay a bit with you - if you have
room. Now Goodbye & God bless you, with love to
"Ben" - believe me your ever loving auntie.

present to you! Had you got some letters for
them? I send you from Mrs Childs letter. How
strange it seems the length of time you, so much
as a year together - I was to have gone to America
to have passed the day, but I was too late
last night to bring to you, after ^{the} my writing
returning to 11 Park on the 19th - and on the 17th