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Letter to Maria Du Bois

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Ellis is doing the honors -
Nan thinks there is a boarding
school she recommended for
Ellis in Circ - I she promised to be
- gone about it - but she has been
so exceptionally busy getting ready to
go with me to the East, that she
has not done - If such a school
there be, it would no doubt be
cheaper than any good school
in N.Y. - It would be too far off
for Emma to live with us & attend
it - but she could always come
to us on Saturday & stay till Monday
which we would be so glad of -
Nan & I set off on Friday, going
first to Newport for a week - these
the guests of Mr Jones a wealthy
gentleman there - Good bye my dear
Mary - I send one kiss & a half to
each of the children & half more to
my dear Emma. Home to Wash -
Your devoted father

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Be a pleasure to his dear Mother C. Mrs. J. Du Bois

Circ. Sept 11/1855

My precious Mary -

I hope you have not had
such exhausting weather as
we have been boiled in - not
rested - The usual weather of
the first weeks of Sept^r began the
last two weeks of August & is going
on yet, "except" with a vengeance"
scalded with a vengeance - but
last evening on a dense vapour
and - or else sun clouded & the
and a vapour belt, with much
rain, making all houses sticky
& all doors unwilling to shut &
all feelings crisp or tempted threats -
I have felt awful, but have got
on with it by keeping busy pretty

will considering - Your sweet
letters came & all have read it.
My darling, if I had realized that
you had such anxiety how your
dear children would seem to
me, I should have letten more
parents to say as well as show,
how I loved them & how good
& nice - looking & excellently behaved
I thought them - I know of none
who seem to me better brought
up - or more like children of
"gentle" parents - & Christian parents.
I should be no more afraid
to show them any where, than
I would the fat pillion & pink
of a high minded lady, my own
darling Mary - of whose manners
& appearance & conversation I
should be proud of in the highest
circles in earth. About these children

Please keep them - I bought them
in Oxford St London - I am glad the
peas got to you well & were enjoyed -
The companies of English gentlemen
came out to inspect the Atlantic
& Great Western R.R. embarks those
of our friends viz. Mr. Norton Peto,
Mr. Arthur Howard & Mr. Bevan
Mr. Howard Sam & Anne & are
especially intimate with - All those
three are good men of great
wealth - They get to come to night
here (the whole party of 40) to dine
to Clifton tomorrow & lunch at Mr
Ellis' who bought Doby's place, next
to the one opposite us. There I am
expected to meet them - but alas
I can not avoid being at Clifton
tomorrow & I believe they leave
Aire on Wednesday morning - Is it
not "aggravation"? But Emma
& Sam & Anne are to visit Mr