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3. Apr. — Easter day 1836 —

My dear Wifes — The Earl of Ripon sent his coach

for me yesterday at ten A.M. — Putney Heath where
his Lordship resides is about 4 miles from The City
of London on the south side of the Thames. The road
thither from Harley St. is through or beside Hyde
Park and very pleasant. The bridge is the same which
I passed when coming from Portsmouth on my first
arrival. — We were in a street of houses nearly all the way
Mr. C. Ward re: me very kindly and soon I was intro-
duced by L^d R. to his Lady Ripon. She is in ill health
but very agreeable and I think a pious person. The ac-
quaintance between us was soon made and the full
flow of English Talk commenced: and never flagged all
the time I staid which was 3 or 4 hours. The young Lord
who unites two or three ancient families is a child of
great promise, & is uncommonly clever for one of
his years being between six and seven. Indeed he seems
to be one of those children who indicate such talents and
maturity of acquirements & judgment as to give one an
idea of fruit ripening before its time and consequently
of a premature decay and death. He had been made
acquainted with me by Miss Ward of whom he is very fond
and began immediately to enquire of the things in America
— The flowers of prairies and the wild inhabitants of
the forest — the fertility of the soil and the beauty of
the birds and the manner of entrapping the wild ani-
mals were the subjects of his inquiry. He said he had
no objections to natives being made good Christians but
loved to contemplate them as wild men roaming the
forests in a state of liberty too well to wish them civilized
like white men. The poor little fellow is subject to violent

attacks of that complaint in the head occasioned
by an unnatural rush of the blood ~~of the head~~ and
to prevent its becoming fatal they are obliged to bleed
him copiously in the jugular veins. His pale coun-
tenance made his speaking eye appear more brilliant
and I felt deeply interested in his welfare. He is the
subject of many prayers. When we parted he made me
promise to send him some things as specimens of
the natural productions of America. He mentioned
particularly any things which belonged peculiarly to
the dress of the Savages and their ~~in~~plements of
war and agriculture. The prairie-flower seeds would
delight him much. I must not forget him.
In writing to Harley St. Mary Illinois as she
herself accompanied me to call with me to see her Aunt
Hammerly in No. 3. Bolton Row, Carzon Street.
We found but one of them at home. We then called at
28. Convent Terrace to see Mrs. ~~Perkins~~ the daughter Mrs.
Taylor.

At 7. I went to dine with Mr. Hammerly and
numerous family at No. 25. Park Crescent. Regents
Park.

This morning according to notice given yesterday
I went to keep Easter with my best of Friends the
Rev. Mr. Howard and Mr. Pratt. At the hands
the former I recd the blessed Sacrament with the
latter I drank tea. I am never better pleased than
when hearing the dear family of Pratt sing
Hymns as they always do two ~~about~~ 12 or 14
verses immediately after their afternoon refreshment
on Sundays. The Rev. Mr. Jowett brother to Mrs. P.
played on the piano and all the rest 4 ladies and
as many men joined with their voices. It seemed
to engage my devotional feelings more than usual.

Young Mr John Pratt lately ordained preached.
an excellent sermon, after which I rode in an Omnibus
- but about 3 1/2 miles to Harley Street, and at ten came
to my room & began this. I now strikes 12. and
so my Easterday closes. May my spiritual accom-
pnts this day be lastingly beneficial, I ask it for
Christ sake. Amen

Monday 3. of April 1836. Called on Lord Kerry on on Mr. Brand and
on Mr. Bodsworth. Mr D. went with me in her coach to Collins The
Painter, and excellent artist. - good Christian & a finished gentleman
- also called on W. H. the Painter at Kensington. His pictures
are of a superior character. Bonaparte distating to the Duke is
done.

At 4. I went to Finsbury Circus and dined with the Rev. Mr.
Pratt and excellent family. attended a meeting of his parish
- ioners and was much pleased with their missionary spirit. -
I dined with good Mr. Pratts family the evening and had much
delightful conversation: I left peacefully and came home by
Finsbury yard. - Young Mr. Pratt of Oxford accompanied me
to the Omnibus.

a letter written in
London to my
wife but not
sent. I believe the
last printed.
Sante 1836