

Netherfield Road

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1843

My dear Cousin Tom

I suppose that you will think that John Walter is really now a shabby fellow for not answering your letter, but he has had so many lessons to learn examinations to repeat that all the closets in his head have been so stuffed up with all branches of learning that there is not one empty one remaining to hold letters in.

John Walter is much obliged to you for the interesting description which you have given him in your letter of the manners and customs of the Indians and the story of the poor people who were driven away from their homes.

I still enjoy being at school very much, we had a concert on the last day before the holidays from four till six o'clock and then were regaled with tea and cakes after which



we went into the dining room, where we held a bazaar,  
which we had been preparing all the half year; we  
gained by it, £6. which was well enough, considering there  
were then only fifteen girls; the profits went to the Town-  
Mission; after that we played at different games, in which the  
teachers joined, and then went into supper, where we had tarts  
and pies, Blanc ~~mane~~<sup>mange</sup> jellies, lemonade, and all sorts of good things,  
which was considered a very fine repast for England, where  
they are so dear, though it might not be in America.

I suppose you know that the Aerial carriages are now  
about town; the first line is that to India, but I suppose  
there will soon be one ready from the States and down  
as this is the case, I will be out to spend the day  
with my little cousin Betsy, and return in the evening  
by the fast flying steam carriage "Rocket." The present  
line of carriages, is to start from the top of the mon-  
ument, near London Bridge. Maamma is at present  
very busy getting our summer clothes into order, and I



have been very busy learning learning long examinations,  
but have just done with that task, and am going on quite  
smoothly again, with the regular course of lessons.

Papa and Mamma and John Walter desire to  
be most kindly remembered by you, and to you.

Believe me to be

Your affectionate cousin

Charlotte M. Wood.



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