

Elie, Sept 8th 1878

General Epistle -

Donald at Yonkers (including Walter &
-- To Aunt Eliza, Bessie, Fred, cousin Tom, Bessie, Harry,
greeting --

ma away in London. -

nt Helen and I alone, but
l & happy. (per persia)

Letters received from Paper
my (at last!!) Helen, Bessie

me, Aunt Eliza - with grate
de & pleasure. -

paper. - My storm poem is

very beautiful -

Well, I will write to you
my the first letters I attempt
the mean time, I don't forget

in request -

Harry, keep up your heart, &
n't be discouraged in the "

ke state" readings. - What is

in view of the Indian Question?

and did you see Punch's horrid

^Bpicture of the Thames? —
Please write often to me Harry.
You can't do a kinder thing.
You are sure to give pleasure. —
And write to dear Bess —
I wish you & Kelly would
look at the Quarterly Reviews
sometimes, & see if there isn't
at least one article that you
can "get through". In time it
will interest you, really. And
it is such capital reading.
Write word that you have tried
it at least.

While Anna was here, we
were at some very pleasant
parties — and I made some
nice new acquaintances. — No
lack of pleasant society here
just now — and plenty of fun
to be had.

Aunt Eliza, I believe in Scofield still! — I
haven't yet finished his remedies, — but I am
steadily improving — Not miraculously, but
steadily. — (My love to Dr. Brach, if you please.)

Thank you for the good news your last letter contained!
— Ten minutes up — — Aunt Helen says — Stop!

Wednesday. — You will wonder at my unflinching im-
udence, dear Papa, in asking you to send this parcel to
Aunt Eliza. (after due perusal at home) — Then Aunt Eliza
to send to Bessie Kane, & Bessie Kane to Bessie Wood.
But it is my only way of thanking all my nearest
friends for their letters & telling them that I bear them
all in mind. In due time, I hope to relinquish

the Telegraphic style. I write
you back a short private
letter occasionally.

We are in somewhat painful
suspense just now. as Catherine
Wood is very ill, and we ^{hardly}
dare guess what state of health
she may arrive in. Poor Anna
went away, very disconsolate, but
trying to keep up. We expect a
Telegram, every hour, to tell of the
arrival of the vessel. We do
not know when Anna may return
as C. may be ordered to travel &
Anna may take advantage of my
being with Aunt Helen to accompany
her! — Isn't all this strangely
ordered? — — I can't pick up the
hope, however that C. may be well enough
to return at once, with Anna to Elie. C. M. W.