

[Letter Alice H. Lemon to Elihu Burritt, July 4, 1864]

10 Orrington Square

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Dear Mr Burritt

I had no idea you would care to be troubled with letters [underline in original] during your journey, or I would have written long ago to thank you for the graceful little reminders I have received from two stages of your journey—the little flowers are carefully put away—appropriately endorsed[?]<sup>1</sup>—and greatly treasured—I can assure you  
What lovely weather you have had so far—not too hot to be wearying—or too cold to be trying—or wet to be depressing

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I envy you the sight of Stonehenge that is one of the marvels of our dear old land that I have a great desire to visit

Many parts of Cornwall I have seen—and visited many of the great mines—it is all highly interesting [underline in original]—but too rugged & rough & unrefined to delight [underline in original] me—I enjoy the soft luxuriant beauty of Devonshire—and the grandeur on the Dorsetshire coast far better than Cornwall—we are all off for a sea-side [sic] change of air [underline in original] very soon—about the end of July I think we shall leave town—and be away all August—that is a great relaxation and delightful to us poor Londoners after a hard-working

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season--We have been very gay with Flower Shows and Fancy fairs and fêtes this last month—I was at a grand affair last Friday—a fete given by the Assistant Judge Mr Bodkin in his splendid grounds at Highgate for the benefit of the Clerkenwell Ragged Schools—200 children from the schools were there! – and 300 invited guests—the children had a grand dinner & tea in a large field and we all waited upon them [underline in original]—and there was a large tent for the sale of fancy articles of lady's work for the benefit of the charity—I was one of the sales women [underline in original]! – and I can assure you I victimized the gentlemen [underline in original] and made them do their charity bountifully—I hardly dare tell you the sums I collected for very trifling articles [underline in original] or the fun [underline in original] I had in so doing, for fear

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you should look and feel grave [underline in original] and say it was perverting a good object to frivolous purposes—however we were all very happy—the poor little children the happiest of all and the sale realized a large sum and will benefit them all substantially [underline in original] so you won't disapprove of our doing good and right merrily, will you?

I have seen Miss M. Edwards to day [sic] and she promises me a look at your book very shortly—they are deeply engrossed in it themselves, at present—if I do not get it from them before we leave town—I shall secure it for the sea side and enjoy it on the beach [underline in original] in some of my happiest moments—I hope I have not trespassed too long on your time & patience by this letter—Wishing you still continued enjoyment and health for the remainder of your “tramp”

Believe me

Dear Mr Burritt

Very Sincerely Yours

Alice Lemon