

[Letter, Elihu Burritt to Brother (in-Law) Strickland, August 25, 1854]

35 Broad Street Buildings, London Aug. 25 1854

Dear Brother Strickland,

We have reached London in safety, and are already settled down here very pleasantly. We had a delightful time on our way from Liverpool, stopping at Birkenhead, Chester, Manchester, Birmingham, and Warwick. In these towns we met large companies of ladies connected with the Olive Leaf Societies, and were everywhere treated with the greatest cordiality. Anna has been received with great kindness everywhere, even with affection. The country was all in the glory of a rich wheat harvest, and the meadows green and beautiful, and she enjoyed our journey exceedingly. We go out nearly every day to see some of the friends who invite us to their homes, and Anna has become a great favorite with them. Her sea-faring appetite is quite voracious still. You would be amused to see her eat. The other night, on a long walk home from a visit, her eyes were peering into the windows of baker shops all the way, and she became so hungry, that we stopped in my room, before going to Mrs. Inglis, and I prepared a hearty supper for her, which she ate with the greatest relish. Mrs. Inglis is very kind, and treats her like a daughter. She had a piano [underline in original] before our arrival, and Anna has as much exercise [sic] on it as she could desire. They have been invited to spend a few weeks in a country town, at the farm-house of some good friends, and will probably go next week. This, I trust, will be very useful to her health, and enable her to be out in the country air

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and see the scenery before winter comes on. When she returns to London, I hope she will commence a regular course of study, which shall be useful to her and pleasant to you. I have bought her a journal book, and she intends to write in it every day. So when she returns to you next year, I hope her manuscript book will be quite a treasure to you. Today we go to the Crystal Palace, and expect to be there most of the day. Before we go, I hope Anna will be able to copy off a sheet of her journal to send you, containing some account of our voyage. It will seem like a weekly visit to you, if she sends a sheet of her journal every week. She is very well, and walks a good deal, and I hope she will get more strength than she ever had. I shall try to do all in my power to make this sojourn profitable to her in every way, so that when she returns to America,

she may be of increased value to you, and more able to assist you in your business. I have just finished preparing matter for the Sept. Bond [underline in original], so I cannot write much by this steamer. Next week I hope to send a large packet of letters.

With affectionate regards to all our family

I am every truly yours

Elihu Burritt

Will you kindly post and pay the enclosed letters? [Written vertically on side of original]