

Greenwood House
Tuesday night 24th Jan'y. 1846.

Accept my best thanks, my dear Aunt, for your most kind and welcome letter, which I answer immediately because I know you are wishing to receive some intelligence from Cambridge, & because if I do not write to-night, I may not have the opportunity of doing so for a day or two. I am extremely glad to hear that you have all borne your long journey so well. It was very fortunate that the weather became so much milder on the day that you set out. The frost would have been more intolerable than the damp. Charles & Tom Edmunds reached Bristol very safely. Of their arrival at Oxford we have not heard. They found Mr. Lykes all hospitality. Poor Mr. Cochin is dead. Charles called in Dighton St. on Thursday, & found that he had died that morning, so of course he has seen neither the Steets nor Cochins. Pray give my best thanks to Francis for his skilful execution of my commissions at Gloucester, as well as for the lamps which are excellent. His note too was particularly ^{welcome} for besides that I was glad to hear of you all, I had really been quite uneasy about William. You may easily imagine that I miss you all exceedingly, & very, very often think of you. And yet it has not been solitude which has by contrast, recalled you to my mind, for I have been scarcely alone since you left us. Wednesday to be sure, by dint of getting up at half past four o'clock was a good long day, but on Thursday I dined with Mary. On Friday, we had our party, to which Mr. Edmunds was prevented by a bad cold from coming. All the rest however came, & the day was much as such days usually are. Miss Fisker remained with me till Sunday, & on Saturday we drank tea

Reading - I wish I could do more for you - only helping my love to
all around you & my best wishes to the most successful friends - by
the way, I hope you will send for letters on Friday evening or my
spoke will be very much on the ground on Monday - I am
yours most affectionately
Hannah

[Large scribbled-out signature]
Mr. Layton
Bromley
Aunt



at Mr. Seymour's where we passed our evening very agreeably. Mr. S. played
to us upon the harp - On Sunday Mr. Seymour went to Llanbithly Church
& my Father asked him to come in & dine with us, which he did, &
Mr. Seymour came to tea, so that is pretty well for them I think.
Yesterday Louis & Charlotte Edmondson dined with me, & my Father
drank tea & supped at Mr. G. Howell's - but today - where think you
have we dined today - Gasp once, twice, three times, & I think you
have scarcely discovered it - Now then for the development of the
mystery - ah Mr. G. Morgan! It is even so - I have laughed a
dozen times at least, at their being in such a hurry to invite the
Seymours, when they have for years gone on so quietly without asking
any body - but tis an odd world, & tis well something makes us
laugh occasionally, for we have plenty of crying occasions - We really
have had a very pleasant day - Mr. & Mrs. Seymour, Mr. & Mrs. S. Baptist
Mr. Edmondson, Anna Nicholls, Mr. Howell, Mr. Dawson, & D. & Miss
Williams composed the party - We played a round game - & between
eleven & twelve o'clock, Mr. Baptist & Mr. Seymour sat down to chess
which against Mr. Morgan & myself - but not for money - so I did
not get away till after twelve, & I am consequently writing on
Wednesday morning, not Tuesday night - Do not scold me my dear
Mr. G. - Now having as I think pretty well discovered to you of the
fact, I will touch upon the future, & first I will explain why it
is that I write this letter to night, rather than to-morrow morning
when I hoped to be far less stupid and sleepy - The reason is that
I am going to Llandaff to-morrow, & shall not have time for
writing & on Thursday, we are going from Llandaff to the
Cardiff Ball - I shall I suppose stay at Llandaff till Monday or
Tuesday, as I do not go to Welsh St. Donats till Friday, as I must
pass a Sunday there which I had rather not do - to you see I have
not as yet had much time for being very busy - I have been three
times to see Mr. Edmondson of the College - He & Miss D. are pretty well

Cardiff is still at Llanbithly - Mary has been at Nash for a couple of days
she is pretty well - your servants seem to go on very comfortably - Mr. Bayly's
house has been broken into, & they being terrified by this have got
David Giles to sleep in Francis's room, to which they hope you will
have no objection - The thieves who got into Mr. Bayly's house took away
some clothes which had been left at the fire to dry, & then hearing
Jacob come in made their escape, & have not been discovered -
Mr. Davies goes on very well I believe but I have heard nothing of him
for a day or two - A sad accident happened here last week - a rider was
thrown from his gig by a violent plunge of his horse as between Keynolds
Door & the bridge & the poor man was killed upon the spot - very
unluckily Mr. Edmondson saw it, & was of course very much agitated
by it - I am glad to hear so good an account of my brother from you
& from John Williams from whom I have heard this evening - much
thankful am I too, for the great amendment of which you speak in
Frederic's speech - you do not mention dear Arthur - have
you not seen him? - I could almost cry for joy when I think
upon the delight of hearing them speak fluently, & of their
dear meetings upon the subject! May God continue these blessings
to her - Give my tender love to Hannah, & my thanks for her affectionate
addition to your letter - How soon will her residence in her Father's be
drawn to a close! I do not wonder that she is agitated & harassed -
however much she may rejoice in her prospects, that cannot be done
without much emotion which is to make so very important a change
in her life - I think that I shall not see much more breath of her than
she will on Saturday morning - so intently shall I think upon her
I am sorry that Francis is not to perform the ceremony - Very
send me a full account of Charles &c. I quite feel for Mr. Tugator -
I began upon a large sheet of paper that I might tell you every thing, but
if it were twice as large, I believe I should fill it - I saw your friend Mr.
G. Williams to-day - He called to enquire for you, & staid to entertain
me I suppose, 15 minutes! - I too, busy as a bee in preparations for going
to Llandaff - I think I shall go to the ball in black - but my head - Oh dear
how much trouble does that head give me in one way or another - Very give
my love to Francis, & say that I hope his letter has not been delayed a day or two
by your writing - as to the Matrons I will let him know again - I must leave off
for to night for it is - but I will not tell you what the hour is - Don't hope you are not