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Dearest Minnie

I was very glad to
find from your letter the other
day that you understood
perfectly about the impossibil-
ity of Bessie's going to Blyn-
Mauve - I wanted to answer
it at once, but wanted to keep
you a little more definite
about Bessie - First I will
say why I cannot say yes
with pleasure - In your sug-
gestion - Lou is to be mar-
ried on the 9th & Julia & I
promised some time ago to go


② I stay with her on the 1st &
the 4th is next Monday, so
you see my reasons —

If it were an ordinary visit,
I could easily put it off,
but this one I should not
could not put off unless for some
very important reason —

Bessie has of course written
you all about how miserable
she has been & about its hav-
ing all come from the influenza
drive she took to Wayne Col.,
when she got so chilled — She
expects to get off by the 15th
and is accordingly anxious
to get to home as soon as her
strength & ^{the} weather admit, in

order to have a little time (3)
with the family before going
to attend to various things
that she wants to do herself.
She has been talking of going
in since Sunday & had decided
to go yesterday, but the weather
was uncertain & it seemed
best not to risk it - To-day has
also been very damp, but to-
morrow the Signal Service may
hold her father would be clear
and she expects to go in -
Dr. Price seems to be very
anxious to have her get in
now that he considers her strong
enough & that the ^{2nd} weather has
broken - as he is afraid they
may be a low storm - The
family are I think also anxious
now to have her get in so that

④ account, although — as long as
the weather was good, I think
they thought it was good for her
to be here & were glad to
have her stay — I feel very
sure that up to this change
of the weather — it has been
very good for her — to be in the
country rather than in town &
that she has gained strength
a good deal faster — than
she would have at home in
town. But she has been very
wretched — Her father had
one yest. that he thought that
her being out here had saved
her from a serious illness —
We had a succession of
the mildest, sunniest days
possible until night before last
and since that I have of course
been very anxious for her in a

Empress when a young house
would be better for her
 She has just been talking
to me of her dreams & plans
about spending next year
abroad - I hope very much
that she will get off by the 15th
In I don't think she has strength
to stand any severe weather
and also it would be so much
better for her to get away from
home interests & excitement.
She is now very much inclined
to go to Thomsville & has just
had a note from Anna Day telling
her of a very favorable report
of it from a lady who spent last
winter there.

We were very glad to get Mr.
Thomas's letter ^{and it} ~~which~~ was
a very great relief to our minds

⑥ Of course Bessie knows nothing
about it, for as I wrote you
at first, we thought her too
sick to be told — & now that
it is satisfactorily arranged,
I am most glad we didn't.
I wonder what they propose
to do on Rose Tree after we
have moved in the rooms. You see
neither Julia or I will be
here at the time, Bessie of
course is too sick to be troubled
about it, so that you & Maunie
will be the only ones for Miss
Andrews to fall back upon
in case of doubt or difficulty.
This I mention for your &
Maunie's consideration —

I stopped at the school house for
a moment yesterday afternoon with

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Say how do you do to Miss Lifford
not having been ^{able} to get here
before & I'd her quite right
busy over her work, getting
me nice & liking it & with
out two questions ^{both simply & directly} & a
delightful contrast in this re-
spect to our somewhat rather
headed — charming Miss A. —
A no. of checks have already
come in & I have heard of
no fresh complications, beyond
the dishes about Mathilde
Keyser's being put a class long
than her mother thought proper.
Miss A. says that that is
now ~~satisfactory~~ accepted
however — & that she had a very
"amicable" talk about it
with Mrs. H. either yesterday or the

⑧ day. — I am so sorry not
to have been able to hear any
recitations yet, but I have had
to leave Bessie when it has
been absolutely necessary —

I shall be very much disap-
pointed if I have to go away
without having heard either
Miss Daves or Miss Traddert —

The Spanish sounds very nice
and the lectures I should like
very much to re-listen to —
I hope Maunie has got over
her miserable cold —

I shall go direct to home
when I come back from New York,
Mrs. Hardie moving while I am
gone & getting things ready for
me as far as possible — I
am so sorry there happens to be
such a complicated set of circumstances
that I can not accept your suggestion

of coming to Montebello & say
you the annoyance of



Making me of **MONTABELLO,**
the Year Meeting visitors

If you that you will certainly
see Bessie however, let me she
know, & that you & Maurice
will succeed in averting any
catastrophes in our three rooms
your sweet potatoes or any
other cause, Yours,

Mary S. S.