

These are early days of speculation, as to what can be
during the coming summer. I know it will be profiting
for your own father & mother to have dear baby for a time
with them & among them. therefore I do not ask of
you to make your plans for getting in (if I am not
old & come to you too early in the summer but as
not make any calculation which would take time
you being with me next winter. I doubt you very
much more than you know. Circumstances, which
I cannot control. keep me here in Rome for three
three years longer. after that I shall be more free to move
de shall move if Sir & find it in any way advisable
for myself. Rome suits me very well as a residence,
better than almost any place, I know of. I should
residence. hence it may be, that I may choose to
make one with home here soon after my depar-
ture to live here as long as I can. but that is for them
to make clear & decided - only. I must have some
help to remain here during the time that those ob-
-jections hold out. and such help I can only get through
my darling. who must come to me & be with me
& make my home! as I am I am torn by conflicting
demands & care. I want to do one thing & am made
to do another. this makes me restless & unsatisfied
& yet I am ever free. I am here an occupied
moment. & yet my feet are so filled as to give me
absolute satisfaction. If I had my children with
me, they might occupy me with the very best of my
time & strength. but there would be some com-
-pensation - which now there seldom or never is.
I have got my household into a better form than
I have ever been to be sure I have a large Estab-
-lishment - but I am now comfortable. I have
now a first rate Cook - he has a scullion - who

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write the one to buy him away from it. I shall
show that by letting him sacrifice my happiness
& your comfort by going to St. Louis to live further
than 3 years. But if he is to go into any business, he is not
able to look after himself - he will be robbed & dis-
tressed. I have been only a mortification & disappoint-
ment. At least he will have the association
of ladies & gentlemen & be compelled to be a
-dignified & respectable person to be a good for him to see
-ing to be in business & not only getting no good
-losing all he has. To your father, despatch an
-viation. I am disappointed & disappointed
-gradually he would go to reading or some kind
-of occupation which would be just as good for
-as walking up & down a stone with his hands
-in his pockets, talking politics &c. which is what
-would do. Let him be in what business he would
-He would have plenty of occupation then - but
-after you & baby & me & the stable & the pump
-self in health & exercise. I shall write I will
-to try in 2 years if you don't do. I will
-put up & send will be no worse off than now
-I just as fitted for business - while by that time
-the war will have receded itself & people will be
-where they are. I wish they had to live upon. I
-which I have had some little comfort of my
-children & they soon more intimate daily
-edge of me further than can be had - in three
-few months of meeting - ^{in the} summer we
-are always carrying the poison & certainly
-we are to part again after a certain time to
-apart - we know not when. I want to pass a summer
-in Switzerland too - but can be done in no other way.

And when I hear of his going such presents
of course such presents to be given to donors
my indignation rises to its highest point. As
if I could only procure good news from the
Parliament - but I have seen & shall
how strong it is that the Bishop gives no
sign at all. I don't write to your father after
my trying him to do so.

You ask me in the winding up of your letter
to decide on coming to you next Spring. As my
writing - unless I am called away imper-
-tially - I cannot leave home until June
when I hope about sea will have finished
the Columbus. Then I must stop a little with
Mother in London. If I am ever compelled
for some of the reason stated to come to Boston
I should not be able to consent to the my
leaving August or first of September. To come
back again in early October. So my return to
London & let your mother touch checks &c
near by a little while before going away. My
route to Italy, where I do not wish to arrive
late. However all this is only speculation. But
wish to bring with you. In writing to I have
from you. I wish to that the great pleasure

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...to my mind on the date for I have a
few moments to wait for an appointment with
Mr Whipple. The Bishop of Minnesota who is here
sojourning for a short time (with the aspirants,
on his way to the Holy Land -) de who has preached
from here to our delimitation three Sundays. He is
a very good minded man - not strong intellectually
though I believe he has done good work in the west
among the Indians. whom he has made human-
ized. My friend the Minister of New York took
this gentleman into their hands - & brought him from
the west to the Holy Land with them - but on
his way, something occurred which made it the
interest of the Indians that he should return there
and gave up the opportunity afforded him by the Min-
istry. but after the return of the Ministers to England in
the last spring - they sought for him & he joined them there
where he has been sojourning for some time. In England
he joined Dr Williams & his family - who were
coming into Ital. & at last they have come here. They are
very nice people among the very best in New York &
I am pleased to have them with me. Mrs Haggart also
is here with her daughter. The one who married Robert
Shaw. & also an unmarried daughter who seems an
Esprit fort. Mrs Astor is also here - in fact a regular
visit of New York people. In my reception yesterday
there came to see me introduced by Bishop Whipple
a Mrs Newberry from Chicago - who was my first
my niece - a bright cheerful little woman - in a general
thing Rome looks for Americans the winter. In London
the last week or two days. There have come over. The
Bishop has been trying me to become a communicant.
This is a subject upon which I have been talked to
my own. Therefore I was very glad to be spoken to. During
all the working day part of my life. I am chiefly about
so much from work to fellow. That I had never a good
home long enough to care sufficiently for any one

pastor. To make him my confidant, of facts or talk
to him about my doubts & fears. I had never struggled on
to myself & talked to no one. The Bishop had a confidant
from him that will be tried me to be present. I was so
I was much surprised with the solemnity of his ad-
dress on the occasion. I have very much of this wished to
become a communicant but did not see the way clear
how to be. But I shall look to it. I doubt believe I
will make me ~~any~~ better woman. But it may teach
me to have a greater faith: -
P.M. The Bishop came & I have had a long talk with him
which has satisfied me a good deal upon some points
which have always troubled me. But he says I must
take certain things upon faith as the ~~scripture~~ were
forced to do: though others of the Protestants turned their
backs & went out from Church when he proposed his
Communion. and as Bartolomew was obliged to do
when he went to clay restored his eye sight. Clays
he had trod upon. I know as the communion is that
which could not restore the eye sight - yet through
the faith in Christ he was made to see. so there are
certain things which I must not attempt to reason
about and shall become blinded with accumulating
doubts. To believe is better than to reason. Can I do this
can I become as a little child? And yet according to
the Bishop, I must do so - we shall see. It would
give me a comfort to be a communicant, if I could
feel I was good enough to be so. Then the Bishop
says - Christ came not for the good alone. Else how
did he accept the Magdalen when all ~~the~~ ^{others} would have
turned her out. "But I have gone too far beyond all
that, I fear! If I must take every thing on any thing
upon blind faith, what is to stop me as Episcopalian
-ism. I must then go on to Catholicism. "These
wallow." Alas, I fear!
Friday - Saturday I went to St Peter, with James & Henry.
I got through in the Loggia. so that we looked down on
all the ceremony. I was very beautiful. Certainly no
place was ever made so fitting for such a spectacle as are

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with them. as the same of Peter, Church. Some things
them can be to be taken the effect. & then what
shows they are how little are the things they do to
mean so much as they tell you they do. The Carroll,
was in the loggia. Henry Catherin explained a great
many things to me which I did not know. I have
not seen much of them. for in an ~~some~~ particular
out of sympathy. That is, hard for me to talk to
them. Always this kind of view between us. I feel
always puts into my mouth. the things I might say
in country to these ^{demagogues} renegades to say. & I seem
do stupid. ~~from~~ for I cannot talk upon any other
subject to them. I had such a good one day during
thought, were much with my dear ones. from whom
I had no letter this week. Why, I know not. for I had
letter from your father & a note from dear Ned.
I had thought that perhaps you got no letter from me
that week & so did not send me one. and yet there is
no letter my darling to neglect the auntie who do
love me. for any thing or any body else unless our
darling baby should be ailing & she is not able to
write. I am deathly anxious for your letters now. my
precious - so you must write. & see that your letters reach
the post in time, or I shall have - as I am having this
now a week of angst. I had hoped that you had
been late in posting your letter. I should have got
it by the following Saturday post. & so it would have
reached me today - I perhaps I may get it yet today
the day which comes! We have had such wet warm
weather this season. & continues. & alternates with
fine more than I can remember in in Rome! Still
I am sleeping pretty well & thanks to the sulphate
of Magnesia, which has made my head very smooth
& comfortable. & my riding on horseback which is
a pleasant thing for me now. I only ride twice a week
but when I am from home each time in the saddle
not doing my much hard today. for we rode about
but I do not find food. & so see that the days are
not half long enough for all I have to do. I am very

written. My summer in spite of my anxiety
dewy (through the death of servants) did not pass
The long walks in need of a stable were invaluable for
I should not mind such another summer
leaving the high life below stairs! - I have a tenant
in my house - in St James of Mobile - such a nice
fellow. a regular Southern - but a man in whom
I can take precedence over politics. He came from
in 1810 - since he came he has made a very great name
in surgical operations in diseases of women. He has
in Paris most of the time & some interesting things. He
now has come to London - I have taken my house for
year. at a good rental. I have renewed my lease
another 21 year - so, by & by we shall be living there
ourselves perhaps. If the war finishes & England goes
down - I shall get anything from the law, which will
by the by - your father's paper, I have a slimning
hope about J. my darling's come to live with me - I
a lot of ifs. I shall come off of them, at all events
or impossible - I will put another room on the side
room in Bolton Row, which will make the house more
more valuable. I had a very nice woman in charge
the house. & I think has taken her as cook. so that
I feel quite safe about the house. & if I can have an
Englishman in England like the Cook, his being in a
house will be a great advantage, because she can
leave her husband in charge of the house & she can
come to me in the country to look - which would
be our trouble this summer. If any one has called (which
had been held up as a model to Sophy) had arranged
the meals - so that Salin would not have been made
a Trim (of me & my one else) she would not have
for into such terrible disgrace. The Cook would have
been made a place & Salin if she had been offered
have returned to her ^{own} room & dined in out. But we shall
all know better another time. My darling will have
learned a lesson about praising Salin too much to her
servants. I regret so much what happened last summer
as I think Sophy is a valuable servant to me. Though she
is a sufficiently healthy one for baby. But I may keep
me. How good by God bless my darling's Cook. He only knows
how dear they are to me & how his work - so will he be
I love my baby. Kiss my darling baby a thousand times.

