



Rome July 28th 1861

How shall I tell you, dear, that I have
 been sad to death over your illness. that
 I have wanted to write to you. but could
 not, for many reasons? What comfort
 can I bring you. who have no power here
 at this distance to bring you healing of
 any kind? Tell me - can I see you?

Mr. Dilworth says you have been able
 to write to send me a note. & I have been
 looking for some word - are you better? I
 had hoped the weather would be peculiarly
 to you, & that you would recover. but you have
 been very sick. & I have the sorrow to see
 you & not be able to help you! Can you not
 write a little special note. just a word.
 Enclose it to my brother - who will send it

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To me in one of my letters - a word which your
own hand will bless me. For my self after
coming to Rome I was for a time very poorly
with cold & cough - towards the end of the year
I had relief from that, but have suffered with
neuralgia & rheumatism since - I am now
suffering from both. Mrs Stobson has been ill
for a month, enough to make me anxious, & now
she is now mending - & my ears seem better.
If I could know you were better & not suffering
I should be happier.

I sent a new parcel to you for New Year day
by a package which was sent off hurriedly -
too hurriedly to admit of my sending a word
of loving greeting - but I fully intended sending
a note immediately after - day after day I was
prevented, until it was too late. Now the
question comes, must I ask if you had a
little Roman scarf, on New Year day, & just

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to remind you that the eternal city had my
thoughts often wished to be remembered by you. I
heard of Smith Ashurst through the Munro's
who found her very happy in her new association.
Poor soul. I pray that it may continue for
the way has been hard enough. I do not think
Madame Hans has been occurring in England
upon the Italian question - when will women
learn how little they can do in such ways?
The Italian Cause - more in the matter with
Italy. Rome is free - many years from being
the Capital of a United Italy. The democratic
element is in the ascendancy through all the
world - just at the present - but in Europe
this democracy is content to be contented
How any man for seemed to show as one thing
but in a post found. It may be a long day, but
it will come surely. I find my people stirred
to their souls, at the prospect of sympathy with
our rebels, which excites among you. We are slowly
but surely carrying our way. If England will
let us alone, we shall arrive at the goal sooner
& the world is spared much blood shed. but
I despair some times - I think that England

would be us above & that she is beautiful
It has found a chance to occupy abilities in
Pencil writing & many other things to be
collected & will make of each for interfering
When we do come to blows - I shall choose my
English for fighting with & you shall be first
Could it be comical to be whipped by you & Miss
your hands.

Oh how long before I shall see you. Not until
the end of June I fear - as Miss Stebbins will
may detain her until then - but I shall hurry
do do send me a little word - if only on pencil
Send to Mr. Cushman - Law & Fire Insurance
Office - Chancery Lane - She will forward it to
you - God love Miss you dear - & make you
well - May you be your faithfully
Tommy

Charlotte Lee to me.

