

Your letters arrived duly to hand, the last one but this moment. I sit down to reply, fearing my last letter has not reached you. It directed it I saw to it Pa according to Alfred's directions - it was mailed on the 17th just one week ago, as you had not received it on the 22^d (your last date) I am fearful it will not reach you - If you intend I should come for you - You must write soon enough so that it will reach me in time as yours of the 18th was not received till the fourth day after - Dearest Mary you cannot tell with what joy I saw the superscription when the post man handed me your letter. I had expected one all day and was quite disappointed when he passed the door this morning and have watched for him (the post man) with the Afternoons mail for the last hour - I am happy to hear you ^{are} well except a slight cold (be careful of yourself) and hope your visit will do you much good. And dear Em how I long to see her. I am afraid she will be so discontent with home that we shall have to put a bridle on to hold her - Father & family started for the country

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This afternoon they were not able to get in at
Mrs Scaddens but have found a very pleasant
place opposite near the Mill a New House opened
this Spring - Mr Bradleys family a brother Chas
has taken rooms with them! Father returns
on Monday and I expect I shall get an opportunity
to meet you at Somerville. I shall try hard
at any rate. We have not had a clear day
in a week it is nothing but rain! rain! rain! although
the City remains very healthy, generally but there are
a great many deaths from the heat more than
ever known before principally among the labouring
classes who are exposed to the Sun - we are all
well - the whole all comprises Pops folks Molls &
Father & I and last though not least myself
I shall want medicine
before long as I have been playing the "good
Samaritan" and have cured some dog, supposing
to give Uncle John a receipt for it.

Don't let this alarm you as
I am not sick. Don't want to be sick - and am
not going to be sick. (if I can help it) and beside
have sufficient to kill any man at one dose - this
is nonsense but I don't want to hurry you home
as the weather is hot enough to turn Indians

But Magsy speaking of home I am ready with
open arms any time you are ready. But your health
& that of our dear one is of more importance than
a few days absence. Beside I am a good boy and
don't stay out very late. Mrs O. folks are all
very anxious to see you soon - they act to me as if
they would go off though it may be all sham
I have no more news
and therefore will close as I am getting to writing
nonsense to fill up. Believe me your devoted

Richard

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