Dearest Son,

I am so worried about this lecture on Old Akbar to be preached before the Science Association in a month, that I am out of business hours much connectedly of anything else. You are now getting quite accustomed to my express for writing your daily letters, so that you will be prepared for the inevitable result. As to the lecture it will probably be a lecture shown with a running comment on the Bible as shown; but I have such a heap of material in head, any undigested things that I don't know what to do to get it into concise Confine.
And the trouble of getting the different views lined up. Getting paintings copied in black & white. Do they care to be photographed? Then staying, then photographing to make the slides - it is enough to drive one wild. Black has been invaluable in studying pictures - he very well he does it too. Maul has so many sketches of his own taken under favourable that he said he couldn't help me at all, he left his time would be taken up finishing his own 90 sketches. Help wish I had you there. Think to one of them shall have to go if he ever get to think Hall.

Mrs. Haines went away by express on Tuesday morning. She was very nice to have in this
Mrs. S. is quite temperer & agreeable. She has no desire to do anything she could. Indeed she had to be constantly restrained. She really enjoyed herself, & she said it was too nice to leave no one to look after her. We were able to do as we liked. Her husband is so dependent on her, that it must have been a relief to throw them off for a while. As it was, they wrote for her to come back as she was ill. She always does better. She is away, but afterwards telegraphed she was not ill.

The trek arrived at the beginning of the week & came here for a week on Thursday evening. They came very well & better than I have ever seen her. This week South has caught a cold.

Larry has been at Malta. He was very ill one of the days but he looked very well & much better. He came up wonderfully during the week he was in town. They went up to Tattersfield after yesterday morning. They lost all the money they had on a bowling hot day, as also this morning. He had a very hot day on Thursday. They saw a thunder storm, & a violent gale which lasted till to-day. It's very fine.

The Steers seem to have had a good time in England. They were disappointed at not seeing you. They talked just about the day before you got to London. The day old Mrs. Allport has grown quite plump & strong. Linus was more personable & disposed towards you. I think there is something to be said on the other side of the question. You'll have to back very soon now.
They think that Alfred went back to the country but from what they say there is not much chance of his making a living by art in England. Probably unless for an artist of real first rate talent or one who has good connections you can get a lift from swell old friends, it would be a hard struggle, as the competition is keen. What thousands of fair, good average artists must be as ants! Although art is rather not a discount to the colonies, there must be a better show for fair good men. But, of course, Cheeks is a great thing. Australian art has been doing well in Melbourne lately. Commodious, efficient. I should say through flooding his work through his art. Assurances, he so
not fit to hold a candle to
norcross. (By this I judge
you have written to Mrs.
if not you are an ingrate.)

But norcross is so retiring then
he doesn't speak English.

The other day old Hughes
told me that norcross was
doing very fairly - had had
some good communications - but
I think his principal income
is from teaching. Old H. said
that were so much more
comfortable how she had built
a house of their own.

Sarah has written you a letter.
She is addressing her to Paris,
but since one of the same faith
as hers, who says she could
not trust the address.还不如
Restarts. Paris, as she is more
than friends. Would be careful
of letters, if it would please each
year. It does seem better to
Bunhe address, Smeet Day.

She is sitting up in the bathroom
and before the fire with a sand
and over her. The little mother
is sitting in her usual chair
at the front with great satisfaction. When I
ask her how she is, she always
says she is very well, except for the
indigestion. She lends her dear
love to detours. It is not much
a day, but it seems a good
deal. She wants to write a letter
in the way she, although she
would do it quite well. But
you know if she once gives up
doing anything, how hard it is
to get her to take it up again.
She might try if you asked her
especially.

If also have just come
back from Hillcrest. I hope
you have written to Frances
Moles (if not, you are another
migrate?)

Robert is the best one. She is very well
for them. He lives in the
middle, but they are all well.
It is nice to see Uncle Trotting
about again with her little boys.
It was too well for them to come
up to day.

But she had a dividend of 1/- in the H.
This is the first dividend.
It is probable it will take at
least 3 years to wind up.
There have been a lot ofetty-eyes
at Building Societies in Edinburgh.
Tuberculosis is dying off
all over the Colonies. It's
very dull.

Poor Edmund Trotting is dead.
He was quite stout. He would eat
anything. He suppose the
medicine made him. They had
not much affection. He had been
very much affected on the
Tower house in W. She was very ill
in England. The news of the War

In England.

In the North.
No doubt made him work. He had the idea that everyone was required that there was to move, to buy food, that he had refused all his friends. Probably, moreover, if the Bank had not failed, the brain disease would have been fatal. Likely, not to harm, Lady Nelson, their daughter Ada came over two or three days ago. They say they caught fever at Colorado, it has been very ill, severe, and still is very weak.

There are some drawbacks to going to England. Before this you have sent us your Paris address. The Sellases, Hugheses go home in March. I am sure to be on the Continent. I should like them to see you.

We are anxious to hear about your work in Paris. I am looking out for some sketches. Please send some St. Clair photos ready for you.