


Dresden

November 27. 1859

My dear Mamma

I do not think that there is anything new here since I last wrote to you, except the thaw, which is very provoking, - the very day after the ice was fit for skating it began to thaw, and now everything is in a dreadful state of dirt and mud.

I am just going in to Carola Strasse to dine, this being Sunday. I fancy uncle Joe is soon going to leave Dresden as he asked me to make out particulars regarding the journey from this to the Hague &c. I hear that the Picture Gallery will be opened next Thursday which will please uncle Joe, and all the Dresden people as well; it has now been shut a very long time - six weeks I think. Somehow during this last week we have had very little fun in ^{the} evenings here, either Adolf or Stockton was away, or I at Carola Strasse, and we were not one evening all together.

I wish that in your next letter you would send me the January leaf of Brown's 2^d Almanac; you can keep the rest for me, as I always carry one of them in my pocket-book. You need only cut the ~~leaf~~ thread and send the January leaf, but do not cut the paper - or thus , so that I can put it together again.

28th This morning I paid a visit at the Braytons with Adolf, and I got the music of a Sir Roger De Coverly from them for Miss J. I also called on the Sales, but they were out. It is thawing fast and the weather to day felt quite springlike, but it is fearfully dirty. Uncle Joe has a large photograph of himself which was done here for aunt Margaret. It is very large and well done, but I prefer the one

he gave you, though this is said to have much more ~~the~~ resemblance to him. There seems less chance than ever of frost, but I suppose we will get some at last. Tell uncle Frank that he has been owing me a letter this long time and that I want to hear his opinion about things in general and the Club in particular, I am afraid that you will find my stock of stockings considerably lessened, for though I took none with me in summer, I wore out some in my spring walks. I have not heard from anybody since you forwarded me Grandmamma's letter, and it seems to me that your letters are beginning to have rather longer intervals between them than usual. I seldom get them within a week of one another now. I am expecting letters from uncle Frank

Rostrevor, Magherafelt and Bullina,
but I have been expecting some time
and as yet have got no answers;
however I suppose they will all arrive
in due time. Uncle Joe has now
been here just a month so I suppose
he will soon be moving, that is if he
intends to pay any more visits.

Have you heard anything from
Highfield or Kensington lately?

Francis E. Prudergast.

To be posted tomorrow (29.)