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Mybridge - Surrey 1
21st Thursday

My dear Mr. Guizot

Your letter was a great comfort to me. I began to ask myself how it was that when Providence had thrown you & your dear children on the shores of my country, in whom you & your house were the great compensation for family & country, could now without contribute to your comfort, nor indulge my own inclinations by being near you. May, that I even seemed removed out of reach of the intercourse I so dearly prize. All this is certainly not

to spend a few days on
the Continent. Choice would
on all accounts have fixed
me at Kensington, near
my dear family &
my dear old mother of London.
My dear husband has a
positive dislike to London.
The sea passages of his
life have not been real
pleasure. He cannot read
the paper & a sort of
sickness of the whole I can
not blame him, & there-
fore forced upon his room.
I have been there for the first time
in the form of a constitutional
illness arising from ill
health, he exists in all effort
to find a little refuge in
the room where none
is necessary. When I think
of the saddest interest he takes

in human affairs - in all
that is now passing, I some-
times doubt whether he will
not feel the want of the
excitement he now shares.
But he had such an excess
of it in Paris, that his pre-
sent craving for quiet is
natural enough.
For myself, I cannot afford
to be superfluous. I am
tired for head & hand.
When I am tired of writing
I shall work in my garden,
I shall busy myself in the
care & busy myself in the
weighty business of my
house. All these things I can
do with interest, & as to
pleasures, nobody knows how
much of the child there still
is in my tastes; & there is
the true intimate friend of
children. Then I have a few
neighbours - my friend & cousin

I am ever truly & cordially
yours - I have been, intimate
friends up to Arnold, & of
course his common people.
I wish him well, who can hardly
be an instance of his name
to be what he may (he has
lost much of many years)
and there are no higher
than him but one John
Brown Thompson, from Lincoln
Mass., from Benington N.H.
but you remember that,
but feel for me that it is
one of the consolations &
privileges of my life to be
within ~~easy~~ your call.
I will strive to give you
as easily & as cheaply
as if I were in the West to
look - more so, so that I
can cut altogether cut off
from being of use if you want
me. My heart is with the

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Dear children. But you
know all that.
As to this place - it is a
lovely. I wish you could
see it today in the bright
sun. The village lies ^{at the} ~~on~~
slope of a heath, purple
with a ~~lot~~ ^{lot} of moor, &
belled with fire-green &
fragrant - even in winter.
At the foot, flows the pretty
little river, Wey & about
half a mile below joins
the Thames, in the midst
of green meadows. Here are
boats & boatmen for my
dear Alexander. The soil is light
& dry, the air extremely pure.
Here, after infinite dif-
ficulty & negotiations that
would have gained a province
secured a very humble stay
for one year. Adjoining it is

is not a quantity like it, &
this we are to have as
soon as the present company
leaves it. Sir John, our
landlord, having promised
to make the necessary atten-
tion. Then I shall have some
time for you & the children will
like a country house to
which to come whenever
we want rest or refresh-
ment. They say it requires
great moral courage to offer
humble hospitality, in
England. It may be so - but
I am hardened to all this
shame of poverty, & shall
give you my gift without
the smallest sense of humili-
ation. To be sure this is
small merit in your case;
but even to those who would

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me in finery - if indeed
I could consent to be troubled
with them at all.

I am not sorry that you
have not wanted my ser-
vices lately. I have been
so occupied with this poor
business of finding a new
that I should not have been
able to devote myself as I
would & ought to what
you write - Mr. Cousin has
begged for my mediation to
get the *Pilote* Haitian noticed
in the *Athenaeum*. I respect
all endeavours to enlighten
& reclaim the people, & I will
to oblige him, so I did what
I could, but I fear he will
be little pleased with the few
remarks I hazarded. I found
it very difficult to say any-
thing not affronting of his

justice et charité. He is
completely out of his element.
For and he never would know
any thing of the social feeling
attributed to those who did with
contempt. How should he write
upon them. I am sorry to see
that M. Demoyes is lost of the
community. He understands
these subjects & would write some
thing useful.

I do not say it to diminish
the merits of your noble position
- but I certainly men & counts
- seem to conspire for your
complete justification. The
free & the friends of order,
equally. I hope to be at Reading
ton in the first days of Oct.
& my niece's marriage. If I
go I shall certainly see you.
My kindest love to all.
Yours, dear Sir,
always most faithfully
J. Norton.

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/ I cannot transcribe a sentence
from de Cousin's letter.
Si je pouvois lui être bon à
quelque chose, je le ferois de tout
mon cœur. Dans une occasion
récente, j'ai tenu à l'homme
à élève le voir dans l'Université.
Afin pour que son nom soit
maintenu à côté du mien
sur l'affiche de la Faculté.