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Have you read the Article on de Maistre in the Edinburgh? It is the work of
a Frenchman, & I am sure it is the best of its kind.

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Book Cottage

Buttress J. & W. High
18th Nov.

an age has passed almost.
since I had the con-
sideration of your handwriting
an age, too, since I wrote
it. I did, yet never does a day
pass in which I do not think of
it, & wish to hear how you are
know every detail of that life
which my whole heart has
become incorporated. The last civ-
ilization account I had of you
from our dear Mr. Hallam
returned, as I knew he would,
delighted with his visit. His most
affectionate heart was overflowing
with joy at the happiness in which
you found you, & with his usual good
will, he came down to Weybridge to
communicate it to me.

But now I am beyond the reach
of such friendly visits. These
the shelter of the huge walls
which divides me from the
world - from England - I look upon

to see & strain my eyes to ~~see~~
that name which lies beyond it,
& in which you & my beloved
children are. This group, & some
few others, are all that I could wish
to behold. Hence you may be well asked
for who would not willingly avert
their eyes from the ruin & the shame
of a great nation? Above all, the shame
of one could believe that the digni-
fied Benjamin in which honour & wisdom
have been centred, for tranquillity, and
success - But we have the most perfect
assurance that it will not, & that ~~which~~
beneath this crust - lies all the forces
of the volcano - certain to break forth one
day. You will imagine that I heard with
great regret of the death of my youthful
friend M. Arisson - a friend whom
I owed to you & who was indeed most
kind & faithful. I had a letter from
him about a week before he died
containing a sort of prayer for England
which death had given an affliction
solemnity. And poor M. de Bickling,
I am afraid his family must be
poorly provided for. Can you tell me
but will not forgive me if I do not
tell you a few words about myself.
I came hither three weeks ago - but the
physicians who had officially the right
to unofficially the hindrance to advance me
(among the latter, Dr. Clark & Dr. Hoffman)

having, with one voice
this singular spot in
this warmer Benjamin
Mediterranean. He
seem to be, & must be
nature is great, that in
moment is often that
It is an exile, but I am
to a solitary & remote town
is rather more to depend
year if for 6 months
we here two days ago &
lost of thought, that
must be the change. The
the distance from my
& grandchildren. My
Describe to me the little
he continue to add up
eries to you dear friend
give and instant care
Henriette. I am anxious
pointment & to know the
by complete jump & to
Pauline is very blithely
wonderful. Brochins
perched like a sparrow
What is Guillaume doing
do? What career is open
Pardon my quailing
these things he has
I wish too you would
to silence impertinent
to me that you appear
is going on, & are an add

Just before I left home I met at Mr
Hawes's (who had a house ^{at my house}) one
of those hangers on of fine ladies who
colport their news, & I nearly broke
whipped him, (being in my chair &
armed) for asserting that - He declared
that he had seen full evidence of the
fact in ~~the~~ letters to L. J. Palmerstone, with
whom he had been staying. I have not
the least doubt that Lady P. asserts this
to every body - for you know how she
loves you, but I would not allow Mr
Hawes to listen to the calumny. Much
to the discomfiture of the dandy reporter
I can fully understand - for ^{that} my husband
and I also feel - that the objects of
your greatest indignation must be
the men who undermined & pulled down
a government which as Mr. A. is always
repeating, "had all the conditions of
progress & amelioration," & afforded
not the slightest pretext for violent re-
sistance & if they suffered alone, we do
regard it as a piece of divine justice
But there is something too gentlemanlike
in the actual proceedings to please you, I
am sure. Even tyrannies are susceptible
of a noble, or of a "blackguard" tinge.
How noble were all the aristocratic
or despotic leanings of him when they
are now bearing to his three honoured
grave! How pale are all our hearts
at the thought of his unswerving devo-
tion to this England of ours - how intense
is the grief, the gratitude, the reverence!

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I hear from all sides. I should
not despair of raising a very active
intrepid & formidable regiment of
sharpshooters of the gentle sex, if need
were, I am sure. That this spirit
& these determinations should have
to be appealed to now. And yet I
declare to you, I see no more of the
old antipathy than I did before only
as my maid, a blunt north country
girl, says in a very resolute tone
"No, they shan't come here."

Our young friend Dorcas continues to
live & to teach in & about Wybridge
& seems quite adopted into our little
circle. Mrs. Thomas lives in the house
of a worthy Welsh parson in the beautiful
Vale of Clwyd. The good St. Wilfrid is
in his wheat near many looking at
Aristotle (would he had seen ^{his} ~~his~~
"solubies") cousin, as you know, often
ascends to his divinity called Longueville.

And you doubtless are you going on
steadily & strenuously collecting those
important & precious reminiscences
you mentioned? I intend you to do this.
I thank you most cordially for the gift
of those delightful volumes - in which
all that pleased & instructed me had a
double value & relief. How often did
some striking sentence bring your face
before my eye, your voice before me.
God bless you, your dear & devoted friend
John Ruskin.

Yes I will say again, as I said when
Poul died, "Blessed are they who
live & die for England, for there awaits
them such a sweet home as I think
no nation ever yet paid. Then I think
over this, & feel it, as I do, I am half
inclined to murmur at fate that
did not give you to England & England
to you. When you would have had won
you sa. the reward. I hope you saw
Mr. Sanderson's speech, & remarked
the solemnity of his exhortations to
the country to defend itself. This advice
will at length be listened to. Spite of
all the foolish paradoxes of Cobden &
C. The Duke's ^{voice} ~~advice~~ will now be heard
"trumpet tongue" from his grave. I
was never inclined to believe in a
danger of the kind till now; but all
my French correspondents agree in
representing it as very real, if not
imminent. People have imagined it
too great a mistake to be committed
but that is a poor dependance. You who
know us, will have no doubt as to
the ultimate result. But the thing
ought to be impossible, on the face of it.
And I dare say it soon will be. The
young men of the country have come
forward with great alacrity, & are turning
their drills with great earnestness & success.