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Waybridge 17 June
1862

Dear Monsieur Guizot

If you had been gifted with
the clairvoyance of which we
have heard so much, you could
not have written a letter more
entirely appropriate to the cir-
cumstances & the frame of mind
in which it found me. I had
just received the announcement
of the result of the consultation
between de Mussy & Dr. Walsh.
It is this. They think her state
& progress very encouraging;
* that she has lost the most
threatening symptoms & gained
greatly in general strength.
But that she is at a point at
which no one remains station-
ary - she will either advance
or recede - & that in order not to
lose ground, she must imme-
diately go to Paris & remain there

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1 Weybridge 17 Nov.
1862

Dear Mrs. Simon, I regret
If you had been gifted with
the clairvoyance which we
have heard so much, you could
not have written a letter more
entirely appropriate to the cir-
cumstances & the frame of mind
in which it found me. I had
just received the announcement
of the result of the consultation
between Dr. Murray & Dr. Walsh.
It is this. They think her state
& progress very encouraging;
& that she has lost the most
threatening symptoms & gained
greatly in general strength.
But that she is at a point at
which no one remains station-
ary - she will either advance
or recede - & that in order not to
lose ground, she must move.
I am, Mrs. Simon & Son.

(21 November)

thence proceed to Egypt - hop-
ping by the way at Cannes,
or some other place on the coast.
Thus then dear Sir, you will
understand how welcome &
how strengthening were your
words. At first I was profoundly
agitated & afflicted by this ~~state~~
~~very~~ abrupt dissolution of the
long cherished dream of some
month of my dear child's life
& of the blessing of seeing her
in the midst of her family.
~~My dear Sir, I am, Mrs. Simon & Son.~~
But the same reflexions which
you suggest had already
begun to succed to the shock
of her departure. & indeed
never for a moment did I
even in my heart offer the
least opposition to a plan
which I at once felt to be
reasonable & hopeful. Dr.
Walsh thinks she has made

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It is for that very reason
I am so anxious for her to
be secure in the treatment
her friends recommend. I am res-
olved she did not not up to
your precept - we began too
late - or rather we remained
in half measures - but her
everance will not be wanting.
Still I must say that the
case is widely different from
that of a young woman who
can take her husband with
her home, her duties
& affections, with her. In poor
Lizzy's case, it is the entire
break up of all domestic comfort
& domestic duties. Nothing
can be more dreary than poor
Alexander's deserted fire side.
with his darling little child &
Charlotte Austin. The poor
remains of his dispersed
treasures. This time the separation

will not be so long nor so
wide. He will stay with her
a week at Langbourne & in
October he will return & take
her to Cannes or some place
ready to embark for Alexan-
dria. Meantime he has his
dear Janet & her husband. The
is expecting the birth of her child
at the end of this month, &
it is a great disappointment
to her that her father & mother
will be away. But she knows
bravely & will & does not say
a word to add to the general
disturb. She will have no one
near her but her husband & her
poor old grandmother, who will
remain at her post. I dreaded
this event for my daughter,
& am not sorry that she will
know nothing about it till
it is over. Janet is in robust
health & great activity & I trust
all will go well. The Ross
will remain in Eng till December.

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I have detained your attention
long enough on our affairs.
Now let me speak of yours.
I am so glad you have decided
for Mentone. It is the place I
have wished you to go to. I am
so much in its favour. Tell
my dear Pauline she will find
there a very interesting & agreeable
companion, Fräulein von Leschau
whom you once saw at my
daughter's house or mine, &
who has now the entire charge
of Miss Verney, (step daughter of
Parthenope Nightingale). They
passed all last winter at
Mentone, & are, as I hear, to
return to it. Mathilde v. Leschau
is a person de beaucoup d'esprit,
et de beaucoup de distinction
dans l'esprit. I think Pauline
will like her much. Miss Verney
I only knew in Scotland as a
very young girl. There is also
at Mentone an English physician
educated in France & half

a Frankman. Dr. Henry
Bonne M. His English house is
at Newbridge, & I know him well.
He went to Mentone in a state
profoundly hopeless by his medi-
cal friends. After passing three
winners there, he is as nearly
well as a man can be, whose
lungs were cribbed with tubercles.
Pauline has so much terrible
enemy to contend with. I trust
you will see her restored to you
in perfect health.

I look forward with some
dismay to another long soli-
tary winter - but I have my
unfailing resource, my book.
I have printed all the Mr. S.
Lectures which fill the 2^d Vol. &
about 120 pp of the 3^d. I am now
occupied on the Tables & notes, &
shall then print some short
satirical essays, w^h will complete
the Vol. Murray intends on pub-
lishing these two volumes at
once & I am very anxious to
get on - I have been much

interrupted this summer by
the visits of friends, brought to
England by the great Mrs. Wm.
de Grey & the charming daughter;
my Bro & Sister from Har-
sville - old subjects from Malin,
& so on. Now, I shall be able
to devote myself wholly to my
work, & with God's blessing, I
shall complete it this winter.
If I had not that before me,
I think I should go for consola-
tion & support, to my dear friends
at Paris. To be near you & my
dear Henriette would be the best
comfort I could find. But I can
not leave my work.

I quoted to you, in my last
letter the opinion of Lady Chalden
Greville, as one worthy to set
against a host of vulgar critics.
Alas! she is gone! Few people
can, at 87, leave so great a
void. She was charming to the
last - one of the rare relics of an
superior of w^h our age has lost
the tradition.

I write you from the
lodging at Etter where I am
awaiting my daughter's de-
parture. He waits for a vessel
to Bordeaux, as he cannot bear
the fatigue of rail road trav-
elling. The intercourse is not so
frequent on the ships as
as we had hoped. It is
to get to the Antipodes than to
the coast of France.
Maurice brings home a high
character from Etow. He is
to visit his uncle Charles. The
dear little one remains with
Janet. I have not said much
of myself, & the clouds of
darken my setting sun.
You will feel for me. You can
estimate my privation & do
not compare it to the great
final one - but it adds to the
gloom. God bless you dear
& valued friend & preserve
you all whom you love.
Your most affectionate
L. Austin.