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Dear. Dear. Will

Your letter of June 17th received this morning and I was just sitting myself to answer yours of June 4th You really must pardon your mother's negligence, the truth is that the hot weather of June, following so closely on the unusually cool May I have hardly acclimated to

the change consequently have
written but few letters lately
not fit for any thing much
& don't believe I ever acknowledge
receiving the certificate for the
4500 dollar Bond you deposited
in the Higginson ^{bank} for me, three
since, you sent me a cheque
by the way I don't remember
what for, and this morning
Dick's interest money I will
acknowledge all now. Do you
know your father utterly spoiled

in regard to money matters he
always said to me you take
care of the house and the children
I'll take care of what money we
have and you know how absorbed
in business your father was in
different things until he went to
Nebraska. But we always talked our
important things together still I always
felt a great responsibility rested
on me, in bringing you up in the
way you should go and I tried
taking the "Ten Commandments"
as my standard and I don't think

any of you have made me
repeal my training But enough
of this --- I am so glad you
and John have written home
again you write she is much
better, but you are doing right
in having a girl to help her
I fear she would loose all she
has gained at the Springs if she
rushed into work too suddenly
and she must have time to
enjoy Elizabeths visit. I have
only had one letter from your

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since landing in London a very
interesting letter about the places
she had visited. It really appeared
while reading the letter she was
there on a pleasure trip, instead
of being employed by Government
to entertain and take care of
soldiers, she certainly has seen
a great deal of London a wonderful
city so much to remember and
tell us about when she comes home
I do hope she can arrange

to go over to France it would be
in bad not to see Paris but of the
two Cities I would much rather
see London --- I was expecting
to go North to Anne in her
beautiful summer home but I
don't feel like making the
effort to travel now or about
a trip while it, so have un-
-decided just where I will go
I was sure you would like
Richard because we all like

like so much, so sorry he could
not come to Cilicia but he
made us a visit before going over
and I have corresponded with
him while he was in the bar
and feel I know him pretty
well. Our Dick has not made
much money but certainly
has lovely children I am almost
as much in love with Francis as
Richard so you see there are
compensations if we look at things

rightly. I have been so anxious
about you and John since you
lost Brayton for any what you
will about him he was honest
and faithful qualities very much
desired in these degenerate times
You never have told any thing
about the man you have got to
take his ^{place}. But hope he is quite
satisfactory, you must need a
good deal of help to transact the
business you have been doing
the past year --- not much

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leisure for the reading so necessary to your happiness, I am sending Dorothy a book you may not care for at all, I read it after reading several books about the war and the sorrow and suffering connected with it, I resolved afterwards I would read no more depressing books I would try to look on the bright side of things. When northern France would be reconstructed and Belgium made over and when King George and Queen Mary have

destroyed the Slaves of London
so I have been reading very
cheerful books and this is one
of them I am sending Dorothea

The story is so unusual the
hero so original and whimsical
the situations so delightful and
above all it ends well. I
enjoyed it immensely love to
all from your affectionate mother
Maria F. Scott