

W^m Henry Patten

Stephens Buildings - 12 Dec. 1807
Islington Middlesex

My dear Mother,

I have by your letter to you in the receipt of
your promised Epistle - we are all well, and hope to meet you
so on Monday, and many a little incident shall we have to
beguile your hours in this dreary weather - Nothing is to me more
gratifying than to observe the sensibility, and mind of little William
you will perhaps think nothing more natural, and as I am
writing to William's grandmother, I will with an occurrence of Thursday
- after Dinner at Mr. Howel's, who gave us as his custom is, a
handsome entertainment & a generous welcome, William & Laetia
seated by their Uncle, as his particular guests, were desired by their
Uncle, to whom all authority over them was for that day delegated, to
make a Speech - say with the confidence of ignorant council, mounted
his stool, & said, with great truth what we all thought, Grandma Patten
is a worthy woman & a good woman - and that's all very speech - William
then with many blushes mounted his stool, but spoke with great earnestness
& goodness you were his theme - then finishing, his Ma said, Now tell
us what you think of Uncle Howel and what we all feel - "No, said
William, "Mamma if I did that, Uncle Howel would drop down ^{under the Table}" - It
was suited to the moment, it was nature, it was what you please
He never touch'd the string of the Heart to a greater purity
every Eye glister'd, every heart fell its truth, it was too much for

Uncle Havel - has been very invaluable, it was a delightful
moment - The scene was such that, any thing added to such a
subject now became a bother, & it was necessary to turn the subject
by some one enquiring the origin of always referring to Dr. Havel
Havel - We are going to Toledo & shall leave the letter open
to add how we found your friend, on one when the boys
promise to be here well & I hope that they will keep
their words - - Mr. H. Robinson & Mr. H. were with us to
day - Hope the afternoon will afford us some lively chat - we
intend being at home to dinner at 4 o'clock on Monday, but
if we are not punctual, I would not the dinner wait
- Give your best of love & affection to all & believe
my dear Mother ever grateful & affectionate
W. H. S. G. G.

Dear Miss Prosser,
I am sorry that I have not time to write
to you but I must say a few words, that I have got the Living
Stables, that I like Uncle Thomas very much, when he
comes at Xmas you shall see how fond we are of him
- Love to Aunt Nancy, & all I am your devoted friend
Saturday Morn.
W. H. S. G. G.

Dear Grandma we are all going to see Mrs. G. &
your friend. I mean to be a good boy - Nothing about
because it is charmingly -
I am your affectionate friend
Saturday Morn.
Fred Havel

My dear Madam
The Lane had a very pleasant
visit of Mr. Crisp. The Collier boys appearing
to great advantage only Mr. Crisp's Mr. Crisp
we in the back ground. owing to his activity
Mr. Crisp looks poorly but moves for better than I
expected. I am charmingly again thanks
for your letter in the greatest haste
Yours truly
W. H. S. G. G.

Dr. W. G.
Dec 12, 1807
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