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St. Aubin, Aug. 3. 73

Dearest Annie, (Edgerton Smith)

Sarianna has written to you, and offers  
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to slip in her envelope whatever I write, - it must  
needs be a shortish letter therefore. She will have  
told you, besides, all about our journey, and left me  
nothing to say but that, if the fates permitted, it  
would be exceedingly pleasant to have Greenbank  
purchased down in the neighborhood, Annie & all.  
I should have some object to make me shut up  
my Greek books earlier and finer, put on my hat,  
and go and see Miss Edgerton Smith. I am profoundly  
tired just now - for I have gone with my sister & the  
nephews to hear a French Protestant service some five

six miles off, which is hard work under the sun - all  
that the heat is extravagant. I bathed yesterday, and  
found the water warm and pleasant. Expecting that proof,  
seeing Milsand, and reading Aristophanes will be my portion  
for the next six weeks, I suppose & hope. What will you  
do? I went yesterday to review my old property -  
Tailleville: walked all round it, but found nothing material  
to alter in the poem. It appears that the Cousins appealed,  
and tried their luck once again, and, only a week ago, were  
again signally beaten as they deserved. I am to see the  
newspaper report. I am tired with my walk and the weather  
as I said, but this line or two will tell you how much I  
want to hear from you, and how truly glad I should  
be, could one be here and there too - there, being there  
such friends are as Annie, whom I am, ever, in all  
affectionate respect, so long as I am A.P.