

Kathleen Synge Townsend [631]



Transcript of a letter from Kathleen to her mother Marianne Townsend [5D16]

November 9th. 1890

Villa St. Georges, Parame,

My dearest Mother,

I was very glad indeed to get your letter yesterday.....I am very glad Jack seems better. Please give him my love. - I want to see my photos, very much. - Has May seen them yet? - I am so glad you had such a nice time with the Flemings, & that you saw Uncle & Aunt D. too. - I should think Ted will be glad to get Jessie back again! - The French servants here are very nice. - The cook makes beautiful soups, but Miss Lloyd generally makes the puddings. - The French don't go in for puddings at all! - I manage to make myself understood after a fashion! - I'm afraid this letter must wait another day as I have been writing to Lena & want to enclose the letter to you to post. - It is very wet again today. - I will try not to keep you waiting so long for your next letter. - With much love, I remain yr. loving child
Kathleen.

Kathleen was still at Villa St. Georges, Parame, by St Malo on Febuary 18th. 1891.

Letter from Marianne Townsend [5D16] to Edward Townsend's [630] mother in law concerning Kathleen's aspirations to train as a nurse

[undated, probably December. 1894]

Fiaraglioni Hotel, Capri.

My dear Mrs. Young,

As Eddie's only letter to me giving his address has been mislaid for some days owing to changing from one room to another, I enclose to you a letter for him, containing a cheque, wh. I shall be much obliged if you will kindly address & send off to him by first post after it reaches you. I fear he will hardly get it now by Xmas day, but I was prevented from sending it sooner. I hope you are better. I am fairly well & very busy painting all day long sometimes, in the Paradiso for artists. I love the place more & more, it is so full of beauty everywhere. I am painting in oils - both landscapes & figures - & have now a very fine model sitting to me - the first I have attempted - head & bust, nearly life size, so you see I am getting on, but the damp weather here is very trying, so I am going back to Naples for the worst part of the winter wh. usually comes after Xmas. Best Xmas wishes for you all from your's affectionately **M.O.Townshend.**

Kathleen is spending Christmas with the Johnstones at Fulford Hall - delighted to be with them again, & she hopes later on to get into St. Thomas' Hospital to train as a nurse. She is bent on it, but I don't like it for her. May is very happy in her work in the Women's & Children's Hospital in Cork, & is to spend Xmas with friends at New Court.