

Scarborough
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Dear Cathbert

Call me anything you like
so long as you behave yourself.
I have been calling you some names
for sending for Bileen. It was a
shock to us, as we did not expect
her to be leaving home till the
Autumn. But, of course, I & me
are only anxious for her happiness,
& we would never stand in the
way of that. And she is very
happy to go and to you.
I send her with every confidence
that you will be good to her,
always. I am sure you will.
She deserves all the love & care
you can give her, and anything
short of love from you would just
break her heart. You are a
very lucky fellow to have won her,
as you must know. She is one
in a thousand and is just full
of heart, of sympathy, of love &
selfishness together with a nail

amount of practical commonsense
 & sagacity. You should be very
 happy together. Begin as you mean
 to go on. Always be pale, never
 let a little cloud gather between
 you - Little clouds may come; they
 can be easily dispersed when they are
 little, & leave no pain. If allowed
 to get bigger they are full of
 sadness, & take a lot of clearing,
 & leave deep scars. Avoid them.
 I will not dwell on our loss, or
 how much we will miss her. I
 don't like to think of ~~her~~^{it}. But as
 I said, her happiness is my chief
 wish; and I give her to you
 freely & confidently, in full
 confidence that I know you as
 a straight clean gentleman,
 whom I can trust.
 You begin on small means,
 but you have enough, & more
 than I had when I married.
 You will try to put something
 away each year. You never
 know what may come, illness

or disablement, & it is wise to
 provide for a rainy day.
 Owing to this health war I cannot
 manage to allow Helen as much as
 I hoped. My income will be very
 much reduced for a year or so
 & I have to think of the others.
 My practice at present is almost
 gone, because of that brutal
 bombardment, & it will not
 improve until some time after
 the war ceases. If by any evil
 chance the war goes against us
 I will be very heavily hit.
 But I have invested for Helen
 in her own name sufficient to
 give her £60 a year, & if all
 go well I hope to increase it
 later. Her securities are
 good ones. War Loan, Canadian
 Pacific Debentures, City of Montreal
 Loan & Metropolitan Railway Debentures
 all practically first class stocks.
 As regards a marriage settlement
 I know little about such things,
 & I never made one. You had

better see a Lawyer in Calcutta &
 ask him about it. You can
 only settle your life insurance
 at present, & make your will
 securing to Helen anything you
 may possess at your death,
 & on your children (should you
 happily have them) afterwards. I
 am a bit anxious about the
 voyage, of course. There are
 German submarines in the
 Channel, & the Canal is
 threatened. However I cannot
 think even the Germans would
 torpedo an outward bound
 passenger ship, (tho' they are
 pretty putrid); and as regards
 the canal the opinion is that
 the Turks will never get near
 it, & if there were danger
 the vessel would not be
 allowed in. So one must
 just trust. My sisters are
 going with her as far as
 Colombo, which will be just
 everything to Helen, & make the

the voyage so much less lonely.
I advised them to clear out
of England, as I am sure we
are in for some knocks by
sea & air.

The bombardment was hellish -
You will have heard all
about it. I don't like thinking
or talking of it.

The weather has been awful, &
large tracts of land are under
water, especially in the South.

I saw Senick last week, in
bed in Weymouth with flu.
He loses his work.

Well, I must switch off.

God bless you, & guard you
both. You have my most
heartfelt wishes & prayers
for your welfare & happiness.

Yours affectionately
Frank Godfrey.