

Sturton Square - April 12th -

Many thanks, My dear Emma, for your
kind letter. I do indeed feel much interested in all that
concerns you & am in no danger of being wearied when you
give me an account of it. I truly regret your last news
were so undesirable for the losing one home before you se-
cure another must, I think, cause great anxiety in your
little circle, however necessary such a change may be thought.
I hope sincerely, for all your sakes, Mr. Whitman may not
be disappointed in soon finding a situation to suit him
in every respect. It will be a great pleasure to Mother & to
see her friends after so long an absence - and I am sure they
will be equally glad to welcome her. ~~Before~~ David & I have
various travelling plans in agitation but if I should not be at
home when you arrive, I ~~shall~~ have no doubt I shall return in
time to see you before you leave here - we do not propose making
any long absences from home. If we had taken possession of our
house (Mr. Raphael's gift,) I should beg you, my dear Emma, to

your visit to me, but we are not rich enough to go to
housekeeping yet, & we remain with Mamma for another
year at least. Your Aunt Ellen has taken a small house
near us, & looks forward with great pleasure to leaving
her boarding house of which she is heartily tired. She was
to act as ^{a housekeeper} ~~housekeeper~~ that she enjoys the occupation
and is very happy that she will again have something
to do - the establishment will be very small, but large enough
for comfort. Her income will not admit of her living in
the proper way she has been accustomed to, but compared
to the place she has boarded at, her present one will
be really delightful. Mary Rhinlander & Phil. Drank ha
with her this winter, and I was very much struck with
Mary's improvement in looks & manner. Phil: I found
was a correspondent of yours - He seems intelligent & amiable
but so diffident, it is not easy to become acquainted with
him. I hope when you are in town, they will come with
you to see me. at present they either want courage to
visit or inclination, for they have not been here at all this
winter. You must ^{have} seen from the papers I heard on all sides
how much Charles's book is admired - I hope it will have
given him money as well as fame; and I think it must

for every body seems to have bought it & the expenses cannot
be very great. Is not your mother writing or translating
something? It was thought here that a tragedy, just before
I much admired, was by her, but the author is now an
unknown - she is a Mr. Dr. Ellet - or some such name - she
has written a good deal for magazines. Remember me
kindly to your ^{mother} & Mother Helen in me, my dear Emma,
sincerely your friend F. Colburn

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Miss Nicholas-



Professor Whitman's
Hamilton-

Madison NY