

Father

In a few moments afterwards, dear father came

after saying who he was, and how glad he was to see us, he said that he was glad to see the ladies - and he spoke to Joan and Mrs Wreeds - then he began to speak of his own accord and said, what a pleasure it must be to you to know that we are all "perfectly well," that no longer are there any who are "deaf, or dumb, or blind," or "crippled," or ^{deafened} ~~deafened~~, that all are perfectly strong, 'perfectly - some' "perfectly well" and that "all the faculties preserved." Joan knew this is very well, she is delighted at the letter she has had with you, she is overjoyed - or words to that effect.

He then of his own accord changed the subject, and asked if we heard ~~truly~~ father's Hallion flying about - last night. We said we heard a sound of steps, and asked what it was. ~~Joan~~ father said it was daddy Hallion (or something to that effect) ^{running} ~~running~~ ^{in the verandah} ~~in the verandah~~; we spoke of not being sure whether it was outside or of theirs. father said it was outside and ^{when Joan} ~~the~~ spoke of that he said it was laughable to see the one running after the other - we all had a great laugh & father ^{laughed heartily} ~~laughed heartily~~ asked father if he remembered the time he took us to to meet Mr Hallion at the City Hall office. He said indeed he did, it was on a legal holiday. (He went to get some letters ~~sent~~ which we could not get - because of his absence) I remember Mr Hallion taking us inside his office - (telling us) father went on to say he had a good host, at times he was a "little severe"

I said, dear father, you must help me all you can in my work, he replied "you know stronger arguments than I" for how can I resist, he is a very great man, he must help you - he then went on to say a word about not unduly criticism or opposition - that it is all jealousy - of inferior minds, for his attention is to it, that people must all be