

Constantinople Sept. 20/64

Rev J. W. Hill

My dear Sir:

It may probably interest you & Mrs Hill to know that Mrs Morris has safely passed through her maternal troubles and that on the 20th (just one month after our return) of September she gave birth to a daughter.

The baby bears a strong family likeness & is said by the doctor to be a very pretty young miss for her days. She is a great eater & sleeper & gives but little trouble so long as her appetite is gratified &

her love of rest is not interfered
with. We have been much
puzzled for a name as we
desire to give her one which
shall recall the place of
her birth. We have rather
decided on Roumelia
(European Turkey) as most
appropriate in all respects,
though there is no need of
much hurry in the selection
of a name for the present.

The war in the U.S.
seems to be progressing to
its end, if the exhaustion of
the enemy will bring
about that result. The South
cannot stand many
more such defeats as it
has met with of late. They

impair both the moral
& physique of the rebellion.
Unfortunately for us at this
crisis of the struggle comes off
the Presidential election. This
will have a tendency to
introduce party strife into
the Army & in some degree
to demoralize it as well
as the country. I think
that Lincoln will be elected
but so many foreign
interests are concerned in
his defeat, that I think
the result doubtful from
the great expenditure of
money that will be made
by the representatives of
those interests in the U.S.

The division & destruction of the
American Union is so earnestly
desired in Europe that no
money or effort will be
spared to aid in accom-
plishing it. Lincoln's reelection
will strike the South with
despair & force Peace. Mc-
Clellan's will lead to a
Peace based on the recognition
of Southern independence.

Prince Murat whom I
saw was royally feted in
Athens has received but
little attention here from
the Turkish gov^t. Not many
years ago I knew him
as a puttel looper living
on his wife's earnings who
kept a boarding school
in Bordentown New Jersey.
His life there was passed

in hunting, drinking &
gambling. He borrowed
money of all the farmers
around which he has not
paid to this day. Little
cannot excuse such a
man.

You have read of
the missionary troubles here.
It was a stratagem of the
Ministry to save themselves
from overthrow. The Sultan
having been almost induced
to believe that they had
turned Gidjous, by their
enemies they determined
in the late mistaken
proceedings to convince
him of the contrary.
The storm has blown over

and all is quiet again.

Since our return we
have remained in the
City being too late to go
into the country. My
wife's mother I believe
I informed you, came
out with us. She has
been of great aid to her
daughter in her recent
troubles.

I am sorry to
see party spirit so
violent in Greece. It
discredits the country in
the estimation of the world
& makes me despair of
its future. With our
kindest regards to Mrs
Hill, believe me
Truly Yrs
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