

London.

5 Gordon's Place.

6th Octv. 1864.

My dear Mr. Hill,

Before the French
 mail closes allow me to thank
 you for your most kind & very
 welcome letter received last
 week. You will observe that I
 have changed my lodgings. I
 have come out to Stansington to
 be nearer Miss Watson's home,
 for I found it both an expense
 and a great nuisance to go
 up to town every night. You
 have very kindly asked to know
 when the wedding will take
 place. The day fixed for the

Please give many kisses to my darling little Miss Watson
 and I want to tell you that I have a great many things
 that she needs.

event is Saturday, the 13th - Inst.
On the afternoon of that day we
purpose going to the Isles of Rhé
to stay three or four days. We in-
tend leaving England on the 25th
and Narceilles on the 29th, so that,
if all is well, we hope to be in
Athens on 3rd Nov. four weeks
from to-day. I shall thus have
a few days to get the horses into
order, and to show my dear Annette
something of Athens, and of dear
friends there, before commencing
my duties on the 1st Nov. O. S.
And my glad shall be to get to
work again, for I feel that I
have been idle quite long enough.
Cessation from labour is necessa-
ry and delightful, but when one
is out of harness for four or five
months, he longs to get back to
his round of duties, and feel that
he is not altogether a useless
member of society. And this re-
minds me to say that I shall

be most happy to accept of Mrs. Hill's proposal that I should take over of her classes. - Let me thank you most cordially for the papers you have sent me so regularly. There is really very little going on, and the papers are scarcely worth reading. I send you however two papers this week, containing an account of a fearful explosion of some powder magazines some miles from London. The last news from America is very interesting. Monday's paper contains full accounts of Sheridan's victory over Early. The latter seems to have been terribly thrashed; and from all accounts the chances of President Lincoln being re-elected are most favourable. - I must really stop, for my time is very limited. I find I have forgotten to mention that Mrs. Melin will be present at the wedding. At one time we were very much afraid that she would ^{leave} England before the 15th, but she has ^{fixed} the 22nd as the day on which she will leave Marseille, so that she will be in Athens just one week before us. How stupid it has been of me to forget every time I have written you to mention that I had got the opera.

glass repaired. It was almost the
first thing I attended to on reaching
England. I hope it will give satis-
faction, for I gave it to one of the first
men in London for such things.

With very kind regards to Mrs. Hill,
and to the other members of your household,
Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,
F. G. Dickson.

F. G. Dickson

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