

Gaskell.

Minim, 17. Juli 1857.

"Mrs. Gaskell (one of our best authoresses) has got into a sad scrape the other day by speaking most harshly of a lady in the biography she has just given out of Charlotte Bronte the writer of Jane Eyre &c. She received a lawyers letter desiring her to withdraw her calumnies against this said woman, and I suppose she had not facts enough to enable her to refuse to do so. The person of whom she spoke was evidently good for nothing, but Mrs. Gaskell ought to have made sure of documents to support her statement before she spoke so openly. I think you will be interested in the book. It is written with extraordinary power, and one can not shake off the impression it leaves. - The strange dreary life the sister Bronte's led up in the wilds of the north is described wonderfully. The stern atmosphere that surrounded them and the apparent absence of happiness which they never seem to have felt - even in childhood - certainly is reflected in the writings of the sisters. - The

effect upon me of the book was if I had had
a bad dream, — an oppression which one could
not shake off, dwelt on me for days afterwards. ”

Charlotte Williams Zhyun an Zhyunfagan.



Mr. Mary Milner Gubell,
at. 2 Stillman's 2d Synn, in
Wurzburg.

Sigmaring, 10. Sept. 1839.

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Schwalbach

Tuesday Sept. 10.

My dear Sir,

Your very kind letter greeted me on my return from Frankfurt, & I shall not be happy till I have thanked you for it & told you how grateful I am for the expressions of friendship it contains, & I assure you are fully returned. You will easily believe that the making your acquaintance personally has been by far the most agreeable event that has occurred during my sojourn in Germany & the hours we have spent together will be looked back upon for many a day as the pleasantest among many pleasant ones at Wiesbaden. We all grieved over your departure & yet I cannot but think that you judged rightly in going, a longer stay could do no good & would perhaps only have increased the pain of parting. But my dear Sir do not be angry with me for saying that I doubt whether you ought to write such letters to my Sister. She showed me one of them & at the risk of being called over precise & prudish, I must own it to be my opinion, that

Mary Milant Gubell.

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she ought not to receive such letters from any
but her affianced Husband. You will forgive
me I trust, for thus intruding my opinion as
you well know that ^{it} proceeds from my intense
affection for her & my desire that her happiness
should not in any way be sacrificed, by departing
~~from our country~~ from our English customs. How
much I wish you were here! I could tell you
so well what I mean without offending you,
& writing is so difficult!

I returned to my solitude here on Friday
& find it somewhat dismal after the constant
bustle & excitement of Frankfurt. The evenings
are long, though I work very hard at my
German, how very kind you are in wishing
to teach me! Perhaps you will occasionally
write to me, though with your numerous
avocations, it is a great deal to ask, & I fear
this letter will not make you wish for any
more from me. We remain here a week
longer, after w^{ch} I must take 3 or 4 Baths at
Schlangenbad & then return to Wiesbaden for
3 or 6 days, before my return to England.

I still hope & trust to

see you there as I am sure the journey would
do you good, but at all events we must meet
again. All my souvenirs of Germany are so
delightful for me to bear the thoughts of never
returning, & I shall look forward to a Badener
as necessary at least every other year.

With many thanks for all your kindness
believe me my dear Sir,

most sincerely & gratefully yr^s

Mary Anne Gaskell



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