

Dear Walter Malvas. Dec 15--

Why do I write after my long time of East
Dork? I have little to say, but y^r message
drums near. & we think of home too. You
will have heard of John Blandys clest
of Dick chasing about between Lisbon &
London - of May & Mrs. Ludlum in Paris
and of Helen & me quietly at Malvas.
Enjoying an old fashioned time of mother
& daughter, as in the old-time days. Now
Dick hopes to reach her y^r morn^g &
the joy bells are ringing. We have been
dining at Sam Joao & the Lyceum Bay
on the Wed. boat. so, one by one, the houses
receive their own again. We feared a
week ago that Emma Ludlum

and even our winter & even alone, the Eternal City is always
absorbing. I have not heard from Mary since on any
news & I hope she is well. I believe do I hear often from Charles
you are, by far, the best of our correspondents & pray keep
us up. I know with your big heart, number pen and
cordials in nature, we carry a big tray, but the effort, if
effort it be ^{is} appreciated, I hope Mrs. Lockies does not
tuffer. I did not think she could live to see another year,
give me a great lot of love. He has 7 known triple amniotic
Savior this month. So many sick people around you,
Hector Heves, Mrs. Read, he. I have invented a few more
Chenadis, but who wants them? I sent my Club a year
preeting in rhyme, to the Case of Mrs. W. W. W. W. W.
Perhaps Mary's may run across in some time.
I note that Mary is having a butterfly time in Paris &
her letters are most interesting & enjoyable, the sight of
Paris - galleries, theatre, shops, dinner, tea at
Ciro's & Rumpelknappes, receptions to fill up her time
& she pays wonderful attention to Emma, who is
kindness & generosity itself. If trying on account of
depression, but always throwing herself into the thoughts
& feelings of others, she is a wonder. Had she been born
in America - she would have returned by a return boat.
I wish I could send you a present, but that I must wait.
Lovingly Lucy -

would have to go back to New York on a
matter of business, but her papers have been
sent to her here & that is obviated. Had she
gone. May has many friends in Paris & could
have gone down to Rome with a mutual
friend. I am ¹⁰ Mon. I leave here by the
enormous "Adriatic" on Jan 15th bound for
Lib. Algiers. Tunis. Sessa & Naples. quite an
interesting light duty trip. & I have no hesi-
tation in taking it alone. Meanwhile I
& Emma go to the Riviera for a few weeks &
he will meet in Sessa - go to Rome & set
up our Lovers & Penates in the old familiar
Eden till Easter. The E. R. Roads, the Red and
Rome. Jesse Carter & the Fabers, who were
out to Rome two weeks ago - will serve to



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