

1 30<sup>th</sup>. Visited Greenwich Hospital by steamer on Thames some 7 or 8 miles from London. The  
2 buildings comprise four large blocks. Substantial classic structures, very appropriate for their  
3 purposes. One large hall is used as a picture gallery, principally representations of naval  
4 engagements, many of them very fine specimens of the painters art. Returned in time to visit  
5 the National Gallery Trafalgar Square, a building worthy of the great metropolis. Saw a great  
6 number of fine paintings by Landseer, Rembrant [Rembrandt], Turner, and others. Returned to  
7 our hotel satisfied with our discoveries.

8 July 1<sup>st</sup>. Doct. Gregory and Wm Stanton called on us this morning, Mr. Stanton bringing a letter  
9 from Clara, the second letter we had received from home, the first being one from John  
10 received at Liverpool. Mrs. George Wright (who with her husband had made us a call last  
11 evening) suggested to Mrs. Van to try the electric baths, as Mr. Wright had been cured of a  
12 stroke of paralysis by using them, so that Mrs. Van accompanied by Mrs. Wright started off on  
13 this bathing expedition, and the girls and I went out for a walk.

14 July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Girls off promenading. Mrs. Van and I remained at home for a rest.

15 July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Girls at home reading a novel! Mrs. Van and I went the second time to see Madame  
16 Tousauds [Tussaud's] wax figures as I was too ill to remain on our first visit. The innumerable  
17 figures are very lifelike and are supposed to bear a strong resemblance to the persons they  
18 represent. Here were all the kings and queens we had ever read about, dressed in the fashion  
19 of their times. Henry the eighth surrounded by his six wives; Queen Victoria in state with her  
20 court around her; Gen'l Grant, Napoleon & Lincoln. A room in the rear of the Grand Salon  
21 called the Salon of Horrors contained numerous murderers, a fac simile of the French  
22 Guillotine, Marie Antoinettes head after it had been cut off, and an old rusty blade said to be  
23 the very instrument used in the guillotine in the reign of terror, by which many thousand heads  
24 had been separated from their bodies. In another room two of Napoleons carriages and some  
25 second hand clothing said to have been worn by him. Went home satisfied.

26 July 4<sup>th</sup>. Went to dine at Mr. George Wrights and spent the evening with them, a very pleasant  
27 affair. Enjoyed our visit muchly.

28 July 5<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Succeeded in hearing Mr. Spurgeon preach, and he did it well, his text "I  
29 looked on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." He talked plain, and every body  
30 thought he meant them, and did I. Dr. Holmes (the Presbyterian Minister from Hudson) was  
31 particularly edified. He determined that when he returned to his people, he would remember  
32 the plain home thrust style of Spurgeon and give them a sample of it.

33 July 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Van and Martha each took electric baths this morning. Afternoon went by  
34 steamboat to Kew Gardens, a lovely park and flower garden of vast extent. Had a delightful  
35 afternoon and returned to the city by the underground railway.

36 July 7<sup>th</sup>. [At top of page "(Drew £ 60 of U.B. Chasing Cross)"] Visited Kensington Museum  
37 containing pictures, sculptures, antiques of every description, tapestry, and other curious