

1 fabrics. The building is large and well arranged for the purpose. Many of the large halls lighted  
2 from the roof and were two stories high, galleries forming the second story, allowing the light  
3 to pass from the roof to the first floor. We did not stay very long as we find the museums  
4 tedious and seemingly very much alike and, having very little taste for the science of a  
5 minerology, coins and pottery, we went through the collection rapidly.

6 July 8<sup>th</sup>. Ladies out shopping. I amused myself strolling around the city.

7 July 9<sup>th</sup>. Went to Dulwich Gallery of paintings about 5 miles by rail. Walked about a mile from  
8 the station to the gallery which is a one story building erected purposely to contain this  
9 collection of pictures. They were collected for Stanislaus, King of Poland, who died before the  
10 purchaser could deliver them, and the heirs of the purchaser bequeathed them to the Dulwich  
11 College. There are a number of very fine paintings by celebrated masters of the art. Found the  
12 excursion a very agreeable one & returned early in the evening.

13 July 10<sup>th</sup>. Shopping again, leaving me to my own resources. Took a cab and drove through  
14 many interesting streets that I had not before visited.

15 July 11<sup>th</sup>. Girls went to a concert at Albert Hall. Mrs. Van and I drove around through the city  
16 and St James Park.

17 July 12<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Went to Church at Foundling Hospital Episcopal service. The children (some  
18 300 of them) sat in the gallery each side of the organ. They were dressed uniformly, many of  
19 them very good looking. We felt keenly interested in these little unknowns. We were shown  
20 through the building (after service). Found many fine pictures and were ushered into the dining  
21 room and saw the little folks at their dinner. It did me good. Those charitable institutions have  
22 a strong hold upon my affections.

23 13<sup>th</sup> July. Mrs. Van and I visited the Dore Gallery of paintings and afterward to the Academy to  
24 see Miss Thompson, Roll Call, a very extraordinary performance for a young lady. Gives her  
25 great notoriety.

26 July 14<sup>th</sup>. Bought guide books and tickets for Paris. Left London at 7 p.m. by rail for New Haven  
27 where we arrived about 9 o'clock. Went on board steamboat and went to bed. Had a calm  
28 voyage across the channel and arose early in the morning, 15<sup>th</sup>, at the mouth of the harbor of  
29 Dieppe. We had to wait an hour or two for the tide to rise so that our boat could pass over the  
30 bar at the mouth of the harbor. Had breakfast on board and at 9 o'clock were on board the  
31 cars and left Dieppe for Paris passing by the city of Rouen, at such a distance however that we  
32 could only get a general view of it. Arrived safely in Paris at 2 p.m. and, having already engaged  
33 rooms at Mrs. Fouellys by letter, we drove directly to her hotel and found the rooms very  
34 pleasant, being a well furnished parlor with bed rooms on each side, all three rooms fronting on  
35 a wide, pleasant street. After short walk, we had supper and early to bed.

36 July 16<sup>th</sup>. My first impressions of Paris after a promenade of two hours yesterday were not  
37 equal to my preconceived notions. The modern private residences have very little boldness of