

Miss Pardee.

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19. Westbourne Place
Eaton Sq.
August 21st

Dear Madam -

I am just returned from
Paris, where I have seen
a piece called "Louise de
Lignerolles" written for
Mlle. Massé - It was played
but 8 nights, as she was
compelled to leave Paris -

Miss Pardoe.

and is so exactly suited
to your style - so exquisite
in all its parts, so certain
of an equal success here,
that should no one else
have touched it, I shall
immediately arrange it
for you. Be kind enough
to let me know this; & if
you are in town, I should

like much to have half
an hour's conversation
with you on the subject.
I am satisfied that in the
case of Miss Chess, you will
turn all the heads in
London, as she turned
all those in Paris -

Dear Madam

Very truly Yours

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John Pardoe

Mrs. S. C. Hall.

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Tuesday —

My dear Mr. Yates —
 I must tell you how
 charmed I was last night —
 you looked so like Victorine
 your entrances were so fine,
 so well defined — so natural —
 — it is prizing the author
 a high compliment to say
 the character was worthy of
 you — Mr. Hall says your looks
 in the scene scene were
 agonizing — indeed the little
 Halwell children, who were
 with us —

Mrs. S. C. Hall.

kept bitterly - although they
 could not see you - & this I
 took to be a high compliment
 since looked up at me when
 the act was finished - and
 said - "do not be angry with
 the dear Mrs Hall - but I
 could not help crying with
 the poor lady, who was in
such trouble" -

It is a beautiful play
 of its class - & must

do the relief good -
 Smith "croaked" out his part
 well - how capital he is in
 such characters, & how artistic
 his dress - by the way - your
 dress was most lovely -
 Mrs Keley played very nicely -
 but it seems very funny to
 turn Mr Gates' head into a
 big grey wig -

I dare say you will say -
 "just think of this woman
 leaving her own line of business"
 to presume to Critique -

Mrs. S. C. Hall.

but it is not so my dear
 Mr. Gates, I had a high, pure
 pleasure to thank you for -
 and then my pen ran out -

I am delighted with your
 boy - he will I am sure be a
 clever, & please God - a good
 man - my best compliments
 to Mr. & Miss Gates -

Yours sincerely
 Maria Hall -

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