

we shall see! I don't
at all suppose this will
find you at Stoke Newington
but send it as a fulfilment
to hear something of you
& you doing if it may
be. I shall hope as soon
as I am in London again
that we may see each
other ere long, and that
I may show you my incubator
at last. The frame has
been made while I have
been here, & moreover
I have been having my
studio thoroughly altered
in my absence, to get a
good light; which of course
renders it highly probable
that I shall now go at
once to Italy or the Sandwich

Islands, & never paint
a stroke at Chelsea again.
This is a lovely old house
- quite a genuine speci-
- men of middle-class Elizabethan
building, though perhaps
built somewhat later in
this cozy neighbourhood -
It is really a jewel in its
way, garden, meadows &
all - built almost on
the river bank (Thames,
Oxon,) and affording
lovely river-walks as
you may suppose, though
I confess such flat country
does not help the sources
of inspiration with me.
Such a "haunt of this
ancient peace" as this
never was, I think. No