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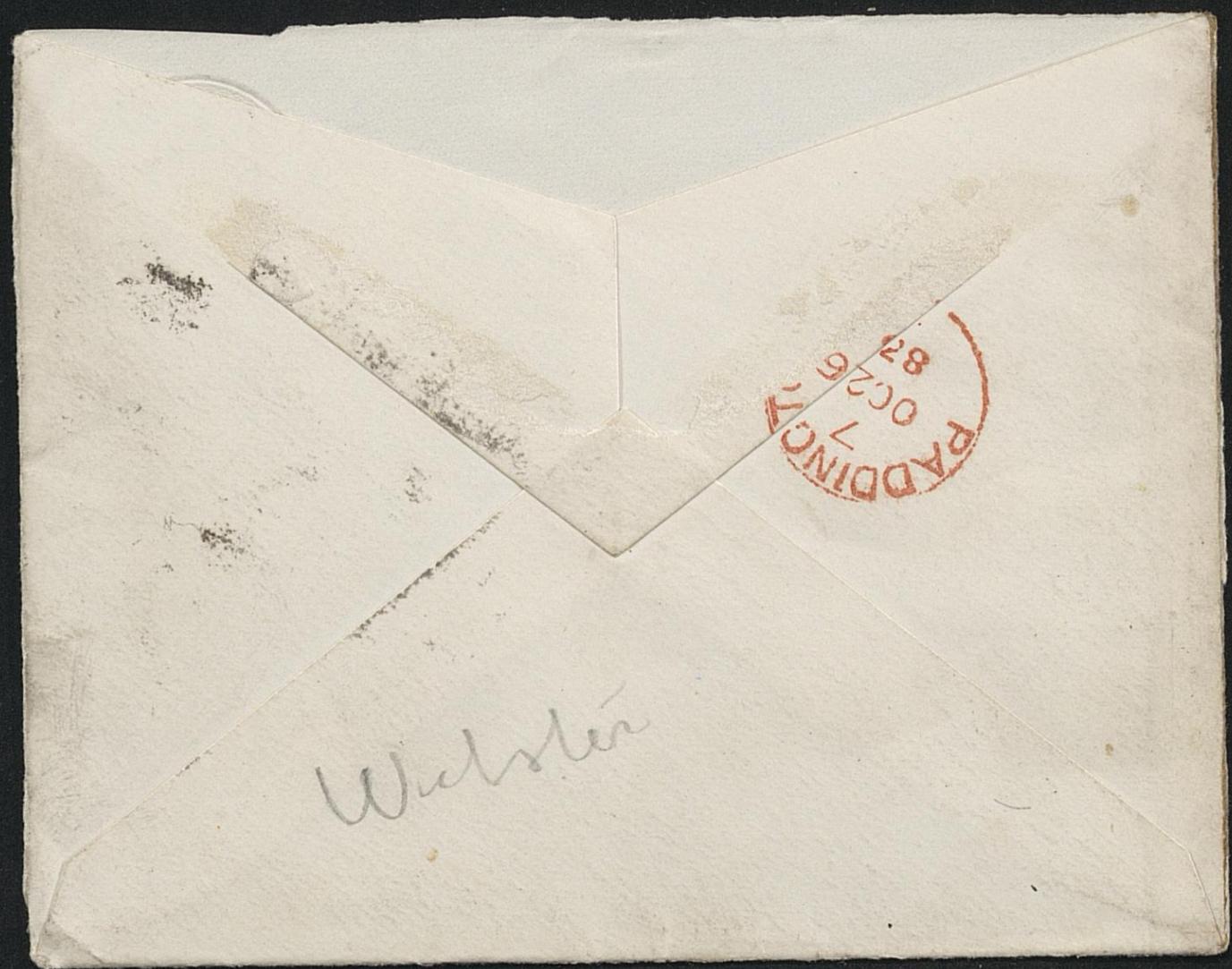
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THE PINES,  
PUTNEY HILL.  
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Oct 24, 83,

My dear Gaskell

I must write to thank you for your delightful book even before I sent the leaves open, & it will be equally a pleasure to me to renew acquaintance with those of its contents which I have read & those which I have not. I am much gratified by your friendly mention of me in the preface - though I do not remember when or where I have ventured on 'centure' of your excellent work in any part. I cannot say which is the best essay, but I think it no small compliment

to say that the one which still seems to me the  
most brilliantly successful on glancing thro'  
the leaves is that which is incomparably  
the highest in subject. After all the homage  
which has been paid to Webster, it is a  
great thing to have written so freshly,  
& thrown such bright new light, on the  
work of so great a poet.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Hosse, & - if  
rememberance be possible - to the children.

I often think of the adorable sight I had once  
of Miss or Mistress Lydia (the pre-Restoration  
little chimes most fitly with the sweet  
Elizabethan name) attempting the untimely  
feat of getting out <sup>(unassisted)</sup> on the balcony with  
perpetually frustrated perseverance &  
renascent hope - I never saw anything  
(or anybody) more memorably pretty,

Ever sincerely yours

A. Burne