

Egerton Park  
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The history course is the thing I chiefly think you need now, the longer I live the more I feel that a just & clear knowledge of this is indispensable to any wide views as to human activity & destiny, or any grasp of God's wonderful deal with men - also it prevents being so small & self-centred.

Clare has some violent duties & m. cleys to her, & this is first then I shall probably let her direct the children's clothing which will relieve me of one set of thoughts which has become a bit tiresome. I have got you each a nice black dress, & a nice shirt - made - Clare's coat, as I thought - I do not think how I wd like it - now, the little girls are going past the overshirt coming in, the & Florence is the must in

to get - nothing of the sort - I am glad to hear of your interest in the history course

Dearest Kettle, your last long letter deserves more reply than it got. I have no doubt spare time is rare with you, as it seems to be most places - Wd you not like to go to a great wilderness where we might quietly realize ourselves & grow great in listening to the harmonies of nature, & think of God's great thoughts after lunch.

The next best thing is to do as Catherine of Siena did, making "a cell & oratory in her heart, so calm & secure that, in the midst of the most distracting occupations, she wd ever retire to it, & rest in peace" - this is like 1 Peter 3.15 - There you have the outside communion in v. 14 - & the inward communion, with an open door to us & help others



walking dress, & I think  
be in evening also but it cuts  
up the material badly. I did  
not think wd suit your figure  
in a tight material. I have also  
some gloves which I hope will  
prove useful. you had better  
not stop till he get back, as you  
will then be able to judge as  
to how best to spend yr income.  
Katherine & Clara shd have  
lessons in dress making. This  
industry says it pays  
much better to make skirts  
than blouses, & that it is  
easily mastered by the intelligent.  
However this dress making is  
easily be put in, when it is  
needed, as it wd be better to  
take a good deal of time for a  
limited number of weeks.  
Bernardi's father too hardy  
in my view I feel I have been  
so very little of him all summer

...in rapidly that he is ~~very~~  
happy, I hear no complaints.  
I am delighted that you are  
doing duty for aunt & it  
will be a change all round.  
I am really grieved about the  
Wolson matter that has been  
sent away long ago, but I hope  
it will succeed now, & I do trust  
Evelyn has not too heavy a burden.  
I hope you will see more of her  
as the season goes on. Her old  
& Clay sh<sup>d</sup> have been thrown into  
you so much. but if she needs  
your help, thank God, I give  
it. What she wants is the power  
to realize the great merits  
unseen, the to long for, & pursue  
the love & power & righteousness  
that every soul needs, & the  
world is dying for. This is  
called Faith, & the other  
"Follow me."

you must - look into the <sup>old</sup> stories of the women who in much darkness of knowledge & amid terrible social corruption & violence: pursued holiness with a passionate ardour, which made their lives a veritable splendour & revealed the image of God, to the darkness around them:

I am pasting a little book to you, which preserves for us a true fragment, of a sincere soul who found one clear view of God enough to illumine his own soul, his converts, & his friends. & now recovered, like a buried jewel, is still shining for us. It is "The practice of the Presence of God" -

Much love dear. I went to church with Maggi Crowe last night; & heard a good practical discourse from the Rev. Coy. They all like so much. & we are going to a sailor's garden party at Stoulligh on Tuesday. Mother