

called upon Mrs & very I hope  
regret & yours than will.  
Mrs. Criss & Alice came to  
London on the 1<sup>st</sup> & are  
to do so in former St.  
They were very well & he all  
make out date fit but  
will go to something of their  
yesterday. Also I got one from Mr. —  
days ago in which the Canadian  
comes off tomorrow." do I suppose this in-  
dicates the difference between Canadian &  
U.S. lines. Now I hope one more session  
is happily of the last & you are free to ease  
your heart. Dick longing to undertake some  
of your more congenial work. If it is still  
possible for you to continue your appetite  
for work, to take such a portion of us  
as will give you a chance of recuperating  
from the past overstrain. The money question  
is hateful & why the not to fall upon you  
also & make a much better deal  
than you have had  
of a living after all. I hope to get  
you back with winter business  
as usual & you will be  
able to make a good  
living.

Marmos

for it is useless to apply reason as it is  
the inevitable & I can only aid by asking  
the help of Him whose is the silence & the voice.  
It would indeed be good news to me if  
He should receive recognition either in a more  
approach to just wages or merit in work, but  
the more I hear of how people, through influ-  
ential friends, are determined by confident  
push, gets to the point, the firmer is my con-  
viction that we do not take sufficient ad-  
vantage of our acquaintance with people of  
influence to achieve H<sup>is</sup> interests. I well earnestly  
wish to my good if practicable (or nothing is  
impracticable where one is determined) to com-  
bine H<sup>is</sup> interests with the necessities of the Kelly  
as to make that a separate work, but not a  
neglected one. Why shd you not drop in upon  
Van Name one of those fine days & ask what  
prospect of his fulfilling his good intentions to =  
words H... depends upon the principle of "by often  
coming" - is good. I will also suggest a  
personal appeal for the Prof. of Engineering to

Called upon Mrs. Avery & Son

<sup>3</sup> Sir George Stephen. I know full well what  
a load I impose in saying this, but he of good  
Convey a hard hard push to gain the first  
few rungs of the ascending ladder we the worse.  
the upper ones are easier to climb. Dr. as  
present circumstances don't you think I should  
do the part & join the work? As for King  
I never see him - I'm most kind but certain  
friends are his only, not to be introduced into  
the inner Junctu & we are of that number.

Here we are again introduced into the  
Scientific atmosphere & hear scraps of information  
& familiar names that poor lack of greater knowledge  
are nugatory & of small practical use. I have  
however heard criticisms upon the drugs, min-  
eral potions, & marmes of the times of former Pres-  
idents of the B.A. & other societies that make me  
quake in my shoes, & that may lead me into a  
cautiousness of appearance, & expenditure to obtain  
the same, somewhat incongruous to me. I  
fear me that we shall have to live on taters &  
herbs to make up. We have promised to  
stay here till Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> & I have written to

<sup>4</sup> ask Mrs R. Redpath if she can receive us on  
that day. We thought of spending a week with her  
but we have got an invitation to reception  
at Lady Suppes for Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> & we would  
so much to do that probably we will ask R.  
to secure again Ladyings for us, near to him,  
for the <sup>mo.</sup> of the 25<sup>th</sup>. R. kindly got us a newspaper  
with a list of the grandees present the day we were  
at the Countess of Rosbury's, which we intended  
to look over & send out for the election  
of the ladies of our home, but I gradually forgot  
to bring it. It probably told you what a brilliant  
affair it was. We still think of remaining above  
two weeks longer near to R. & then going on  
to Manchester & perhaps after that to Scotland.

After three whole weeks of fair charming  
weather rain has set in, this being the third wet  
day. The trees are in full leaf & spring flowers abundant.  
I have formed my card-plate. Through R's attention  
I have also read your paper in the Laplander — I hope  
you read Golden Minstrel's letter in the paper R sent you  
we thought it excellent — All kinds of people are down  
upon Skelton, friends as well as opponents. We  
have seen Mr & Mrs Julian & her Mother Mrs Curran &  
are to dine with them when we return to Ladyings the