

work, & I asked him if he could name
 the person most likely to influence Mr.
 Robert Anderson to give, or leave, money
 to the College. He said he wd. think Carefree
 of it & ~~the~~ next day he told me that with-
 out question Mr. Hagne was the most suitable
 person to approach him successfully. Mr. Hagne
 consults him about investments, & meets him
 about Bank business, & has Confidence in him
 as a Christian as well as a prudent adviser, &
 he added, "if you will have the matter with
 me I will make it a first business after
 my return". but as Dr. Wilkie is 81 years of age
 & R. Anderson 88, it seems wise not to
 delay a day longer than necessary. Dr. W.
 wished to press upon Mr. Hagne to present the
 matter from the Christian dile, to be faithful
 in telling him his age & how soon he must
 part with his money, as well as how wrong
 it wd. be to leave such a large fortune to nephews
 who would be better to work out a part of their
 own fortune. & he also told me that R. A. was

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failing in power & at times somewhat childish.
 So again my advice is do not delay - perhaps
 Mr. H. Mr. suggest some particular stock that
 he Mr. leave to the College after Major Mills
 plan. The Wilkes left on Saturday returning
 to Mr. Gibsons, who has returned from his Eastern
 travels. We are invited to a reception at die
 Chas: Luffers tomorrow eve & also are the Redpaths
 so we have arranged to accompany them to the
 Temple tomorrow afternoon - go together to
 Cromwell Road - return to sleep at the Temple &
 come back to Chiockhurst Wednesday afternoon - re-
 maining here until Friday. This is the reason
 I write so early as it may quite likely happen
 that some interruption may occur to prevent
 its being possible to write on Thursday morning.

Rankine spent Sunday afternoon with
 us here bringing Mrs. Redpath two pretty bits
 Indian beets. He has secured lodgings for us
 in the same house in which he lodges wh:
 will make it something of a home for us. He
 has the ground-floor & we are to have the first
 flat. It is at 16 Maryard St. Cavendish Square

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but I think it is much the best way to con-
tinue to address letters to G. Victoria Chambers
where we keep them informed of our move-
ments. We have fixed the 8th June to go to the
Williamsons. Rankine also told me that he wd
not be able to accompany us to any Country retreat
before the middle of July or beginning of August,
but that need not deter you, Eva & me from
going, directly after your arrival to a Congregational place
& welcoming him later on. My fear is if you go to
London you will find too much work & miss
the relaxation you so much require.

Now let me thank you for your welcome
& long letter of May 18th. You took me by surprise
about the tumour - I shd I think have told me either
more or less. I hope it was neither dangerous nor
very painful & that it is now well healed. I notice
what you say as to Francis Mc Linn but we
are pretty sure to miss seeing her. I am very
sorry to hear of anything that increases Thomas's
trouble, for at her best she has too much to do.
She seems to long to go to Paris as affording her the
best chance for rest. It really does seem cruel
that Bernard should persist in staying in town

so late as to give the additional trouble
 & expense of keeping this town house open.
 Some years this may be necessary but he does not
 appear to me at all Considerate of it's Comfort. It
 is of little use my referring to this for all these matters
 will be unaffected by my opinions yet it makes
 me feel disagreeably self indulgent to be loitering
 about here while Anna & you & all the other mem-
 bers of our ~~poor~~ family in Connell are still
 toiling on, bearing the burden & heat of the day.
 Much as I like to receive letters from it. Please
 tell her not to write any more until after
 you have left - we shall both be content
 to depend upon you for family news. I
 am pleased to hear that Will has had been
 a Couple of days Change from the drudgery of
 office work & am hoping that a longer Change
 may be in store for him. Florence I suppose
 waits for things developing before making plans
 for the summer. Give my warmest love both to
 A. & F. Mrs Peapack Tex: & the Boney's & family
 are all expected here on the 31st & the R's have
 little left to remain. I did not put it in that way

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as it is their pleasure to have a ~~small~~ ^{large} party
of visitors & they are in every way prepared to
entertain with ease to themselves. Mr. R. looks
extremely well & Mrs. R. wonderfully restored. She
has had such severe attacks of illness. I shall
have a sleep of white to add a few lines later
on if I can.

The day at the supper was a most brilliant
affair. 600 were invited. Large library used
for cloak room. Dining - for supper & ² dancing
one devoted to music by professionals the other to
conversation. The floral decorations were superb
we slept at the Temple & spent yesterday see-
ing the different places of interest in the Temple.
Halman Hunt's pictures. Called at the Grand to
see the Crans but did not find them in. So spent
the remainder of the afternoon at the National
Gallery. Then met at Charing & the party which were
going to dine at the Mans House including Lieut
Huntley Mackey Lt. Nathan who have lately returned
from Sierra Leone & a party called Hampson of
Montreal. Mackey was commended with the witness
studied at King's Col. - took just bank & got into
the Lyones. Have invitation from Barry's to join them
at Cambridge but cannot accept. Invitation blank