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My dear Mother,

I am glad to hear that you are all enjoying yourselves on the other side. I suppose it is like most Association Meetings - a very busy time. It is in contrast with our life here, as I feel that I have now reached a haven of rest after all the vicissitudes & uncertainties of my life. I often think of what you said about having something pleasant to look forward to in the evenings; it does make a great difference during the work of the day. We are trying to begin well, and to keep the evenings free from work at any rate. At first there were a great many letters addressed to Father, but there have

not been quite so many many lately.
although it is sometimes puzzling to
~~know~~ what answers to give to the
extraordinary inquiries that come.
About $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour each evening is en-
ough to dispose of letters & such
pamphlets & Scientific papers as re-
quire acknowledgement. I have also
put a card on the door to direct
persons on college business to Mr. Baynes
which reduces the rings at the door-
bell to about half. We keep the
evenings for reading or other recreation
when we are not out. Last Saturday
we were at Miss Linn's to dinner, which
was very enjoyable; we were the honored
guests & I had so much pleasant
conversation with Miss Linn. Mr.
& Mrs. Mc Donnell were there, & Archib
Parker & a German Lady, who rings
remarkably well. Mrs. Redpath has
persuaded Parker to be T-totaller
for a year. He finds it rather hard
sometimes when he is out late at

dances. He is going out with Francis
this winter. On Monday I was at
a Committee meeting at the Y. M. C. A.,
which was very interesting, with such
encouraging accounts of the success &
progress of the work. Florence intended
to go to the Bible Reading at Mrs. Wat-
son's, but was rather tired after the
visits she had been paying. Yesterday
Florence took lunch with Miss Mc-
Donald & enjoyed it quite. Dymon
Hague was in town on Sunday &
Monday, but I did not see him.
I sent him a note to ask if he wd
call on Monday evening but he was
unable to do so. He wrote me and
a nice letter of congratulation from Swit-
zerland; he saw the wedding notice
in "Julian's Messenger". He says, "In
earth, there is nothing divinier as far
as joy is concerned, than the love of
two souls united by God; in every way
it is blessed; ----- and above all,
sympathy for each other, so rare on earth,
is found." Yes indeed; and there has

always been the fullest sympathy be-
tween us; we seemed to understand
each other from the very first. My
dictum on marriage is, that a man
doubles his happiness and halves his
responsibility. I would like to tell
you how happy I am; but to do so
I would need to tell you all that
Florence is to me, but the superlative
adjectives in the dictionary are not
half sufficient to make a beginning
with, so what am I to do? I love
every passing expression on her face,
and every word that she speaks; but
and yet this is only natural, for I
find in her the answer to every desire
of my heart. I can only praise the
Lord for all His goodness. I am sure
that you will join with me in praise,
dearest Mother; I want you to know of
my happiness & to share it, too.

We are reading The Schönbey Cotta
family now, & have not quite finished
it. It is better to keep to something
light while Florence has so much
visiting to do. She is also attending

the Ladies Lectures; & I we are making enquiry about lessons on the organ.

We are still feasting on apples; - apple-pies & stewed apples are the order of the day. We manage with the early diners by cutting off soup & coffee & reducing it strictly to 2 courses; but after this week we will be able to have late diners as Joan does not object. This will be a great improvement.

Florence sends her love to you all; she will try to enclose a few lines. She has been keeping me company this evening by writing to Mr^s Jolliffe.

I heard from Mr^s Rudolf & also from Robbie this week. The Kanche has been abandoned for the present it seems; & he expects to be along this way. Anna saw his letter & has written to Rankine asking him to help Robbie to get something

to do, as he is now looking round
He thinks himself of studying
medicine.

Bernard & Anna are well &
all the chicks.

With love from your affert:

I enclose wedding cards received.
Envelope makes it too heavy.