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Dearest - Mother,

We heard of you last week by a letter from Eva to Rankine forwarded to me, & this week we have had no news which I suppose was to be expected after your flight to Egypt. Eric & I follow the war news with much interest & begin to have quite a lucid idea of the points of Egyptian geography. - It is quite ten days since I have written to you so there ought to be plenty of material which indeed there is if I can seize it at this moment of wanting it - I was shocked to see this morning the announcement of Dr. Kebley's death "suddenly, in Dublin" - what a farlard journey it will be without him he was only 62 - The wreck of the Columbus has cast a gloom over many families connected with Boston, a friend of Mrs. Molson's a lady who spent the winter in the same boarding place as Mrs. Harrington when in Florida. was among the drowned. Mr. J. B. Abbott having safely arrived in England at last is beginning about there & sending all telegrams to order all kind of plans to be sent over to him sooner than immediately, if possible Florence

Mr & Mrs A. are quite friendly & see
a good deal of each other, & she seems
a very intelligent & pleasant
person - & a great deal she
spends nearly half her time in bed.

We dined with the Keelpathes
Tuesday last - week quite a quiet
little family dinner only Mr Taylor
the architect besides ourselves.

Mrs K. was very agreeable & did not
seem to cherish any resentment as
to your advice, but she kept it
to herself & no doubt despised it
far as far as I can make out - she
is determined to be opposite to
everything that does not suit her
own convenience - & is also resolved

that by August Eleanor shall be
at Terrace House prepared to be
housekeeper for all & sundry of
the British Assoc. who may there
be housed - I fancy Eleanor will
be married in spring & get her
weeks home of absence to taste
the happiness of leaving her husband
to herself, & then take the advice
herd on her shoulders & groan
along as best she may - both she

& Fleet - look well & hot - at all
like radiant happy people &
from what I saw of Miss Fleet
I think she is a little inclined to
be resentful about it - I don't think
Lady Jane is politic for providing
myself called upon to take her
out of the way of the worst - be
more reasonable -

We were at Mrs Major's last
week we being Laura & myself -

at a very great little 5th very pleasant, she looks
very aged but shows her hair up a la Mrs. Hemm's with
is becoming. I was told that the head of the
she confidences of our heads slight - probably the
her doctor says perfect - but she is very
precautions if the above be true.
Mrs. Warkman had a huge 5th - she looked
indeed like the skeleton at the feet - as she stood
supported on either hand by Miss & Miss. I had
tried to smile at the guests by help of whom she
scarcely did not know - but it was very becoming
I should be glad to receive a letter from you with
referred to like I had quite a little with Mrs. Warkman
The May - who was to be brought to the point of answering
and - her Egyptian by the way - was the same
is in a world of interest to remain there at least
two years - I fear that means never to return.
The weather continues very trying - continued
storms, like nothing, unless I better what - says
a house has escaped illness. The children are
better now, I have nearly had their coughs
quitting them for a while. I expect to go to the
of course of my visit is the garden along at home
and all the best of the best, I will be glad to hear
that part of his intention is again looking on a state

life in the pain of trousers & color of Eric's ^{opinion}
sweat. The first day of business and I feel not by con-
tinually calling Eric "Brother Deacon". "I'm not
interested in you" - he says & sometimes I about
at the 50 little people in a terrible manner, his
own thoughts making him unaware of how he
himself he is -

Yes J. N. H. - Nelson presented to me a card with
a very handsome gold watch the other day, he has
already worn the silver return on the same day as
he. I had got the gold watch of late, so a good one
while he of that advice to him - the gold watch is
to give us to him as a present - I don't know if
then - It was very good of him - I don't know
what he got it for - I always felt that
the regular work with a certain watchfulness
hand of his hand - but - last the time to know con-
sidered we are more checking than the last day.
Several

Why is it that strong or thin last year
or both the shells will not seem to be so
as the first last winter - I have seen
very fine I see his, the is now being treated
and my air who appears great - I think of the
former treatment - it is to be kept in cold
water -

Archie & Archie paid me a visit
the other day, he says Kate is very
anxious about her baby - when
born it weighed $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs - Tho its up-
bringing must be a care I sh^d
think Julia too has been to see me
Mrs Dunlop expects a crisis soon
Mr D. & Mr Morse are seen now
alone at the festive teas - Mr & Mrs
second boy, little Bauman has
hurt the joint of his thigh (some
of his done up in plaster for an
indefinite time - I fear there must
have been some weakness there
before the fall wh. was simply on
the floor - you will think I
recollect disasters of all kinds but
they are rife -

W. & F. begin to stir about
shopping & has hitherto shown
very little energy about anything
but murring minute aches &
she feels very busy, has scarce
any time for anything, but I
cannot see much result - she
comes up to lunch quite often
whenever W has to go to town
they seem very anxious to go into
a house of their own in spring
this seems to me unwise, if W
is to be in town he wd require the
college ^{house} kept open, & if F stays in
town even part of the summer
the grounds wd be much more
agreeable than a street, I told her
that if their furniture was away
I did not think they wd be in the
way, even during the meeting, if the

stayed in bed & all I tucked them
selves into a corner for the week -
but that you will arrange for
yourself later - I suppose you
will let us know about the date
you're next month. I feel very un-
settled about the summer altogether
if B. has to stay in town, it wd be
quite impossible for us to see two
houses - & I might have to go to some
near country place for a short summer
if B. can go with us - I shd want to go
the first possible day after the
session closes - & then I shd not come
up at all - for meeting. It is all very
far ahead - but the letting of cottage
we have to be decided within the
next 6 or 8 weeks. I fancy Mrs F. will
want yours if she ever get it - but she
has said nothing - I wonder that
if papa comes early - you & Eva do
not just go to some nice sea side
place in England or Scotland, or
any visits till August - it wd not be
any more expensive - & when you
are over I think it a mistake to
come out a day sooner than you can
help then this is Eva's opportunity
for seeing & being seen - you shd
alone & do much in a quiet way as
to seeing people that you can meet
with papa - the continued quiet
change wd I think establish your
health - & I am sure that the best
day Eva comes home Archie will be
agreed where he left off - wh. wd be
Croydon, & he does seem to me to have
a queer strain of nervousness wh. which
very lovable is not likely to make
bread & butter - I hesitate to say this
far it is so hard to judge & we may be
quite wrong - Then George is away
in summer - you wd be little or
nothing of William - perhaps wd have
you to fall back upon in England
wd manage to take Florence for a
day to visit if useful - shd be a day

little thing I'd make herself comfortable
table in a corner - I am really
sorry that we have not been able
to do as we hoped finish the upper
part of our house it w^d cost about
\$150 - but housekeeping has been more
expensive than ever this year, owing
to a somewhat inexperienced cook
she has given me lots of extra bills -
let frost into cellar froze pipe & potatoes
blurred out \$7.00 stove lining of soap
stone in 3 months etc etc - - still she
improves & is willing, I revert temper
I so I fear to try far a possible war.
Small matters after all - but I
expected to be quite wealthy this
spring - I certainly will not more
than ^{get} through - - I hope you
will seriously think of what I
say about the remainder, for if you
come to Metis you will feel like
reconstructing things & that w^d give
you a short summer of work
wh- however pleasant w^d still
sweat upon you & be a bad intro-
duction for the Ass. meeting - I
w^d strongly recommend your
remaining the extra two months
you will hear that papa has
been elected as a representative
to go to Edinburgh to the celebration
in spring - I thought - he w^d be
particularly pleased to appear there
in that capacity & rather would
happily statement as to times
meeting when asked of his move-
ments, it w^d also be an opportunity
for his getting the S. L. D. offered before
you too w^d not object - to enter for

triumph the city of your heart
all representatives are guests of the
university during the time of the
celebrations

In case paper gets this
before the official announcement
It is to be on the 19th of April
I believe the 30th anniversary
delegates from all prominent
universities -

Love sends love -
also the children -

I have to stop hur-
ridly Love to all - affectionately
Anna