

Rankine was  
speaking of  
writing his life  
as the suitable  
mark for the  
present - I do  
not know if he  
has mentioned  
it - to you in writing  
a. P.

Dearest Mother,

I have just  
received your letter of  
Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> & am sorry not  
to have been diligent  
enough to state my letters,  
or notice yours. It is odd  
how we misjudge ourselves,  
for I imagine that I am  
careful as to stating epistles.  
The sick Miss Isabella is Tom's  
& she is apparently now  
slowly improving. Dr Stewart  
told me the other day that  
she was not so ill as her  
friends imagined, but as she  
has been in bed since August  
& for weeks has lived upon  
nourishing enemata, it looks  
hardly to the unprofessional  
mind - that Mrs Shephard  
died of cancer, they had a post mortem

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Sir Wm + Lady Da  
Florida - I gather that  
Sir Wm had retired -  
Anna suggests Sir Wm writing  
Autobiography - Rankine of  
job at Royal Vic  
Hospital

I have just

found her in a frightful  
state from that cause of-  
presently the Drs did not know  
of it till lately, the operation  
was removal of the ovaries to  
stop the constant hemorrhage.  
Gae spoke of Mrs Maria Thun  
knowing as if you had heard  
she had addressed to her family  
nothing of the kind, she is  
alert & active as usual & had  
a huge family tree at H. mas  
time with all - from Lady <sup>John</sup>  
to the smallest toddlers of the  
tribe - present, & receiving  
each a gift -

I am sorry that I  
have not attended to the  
present - for Dr Daugel - I did  
call upon her shortly after  
Gae left - but found her  
from home - I have been  
struggling with a nasty  
cold - which I caught - in my  
own house, where I had  
determined to stay for a day  
or two & sort up matters -  
I have almost got rid of  
it now - but the weather  
has been terribly cold, &

is the universal complaint - with our  
days or others we have had severe colds  
since before I was, with almost constant  
high - winds - yesterday is below zero &  
gale blowing till after meeting - the  
day before that - quite so low on the  
mountain, but - blowing a gale of hot  
is a proper experience - No chance  
factual and hence so cold this a. m. it  
was 40° in the library at 8:30 leaving  
seem colder, but so many people have had  
their fingers frozen & feeling arrangements  
disregard, that we sh<sup>d</sup> not complain - ~~the~~  
~~best~~ children have been able to go out  
any little, & but has got the cheeks  
with the heat - so the case only  
about - as Judson with head wrapped  
I have given in to the cold  
thinking it - we do not see his  
nothing that seems to me more

paper to write an interesting paper - saying that  
reasons of reform. In the first place I think we  
wishes of it. all well well done. have an interest  
interest, then there is a pleasure in going  
over the old days; which we come in  
act - this reason I write you to enjoy it  
with him I being with you at what I write  
time to look at his former self. with an  
appreciation of it. however rather as what  
will give a pleasure to read a work that  
wherever it is probably back - I had a letter  
from Hamilton lately a very pleasant one  
in which he seems desirous to include  
some to Shortland, but says it is upon that  
side giving, an obtaining has been some  
in connection with the exchange of  
which had seen the office of the  
well for paper to write about it - it has  
also speaking this to go before the  
series to several records, but he had no

gratitude of doing so.  
K. said that he was feeling  
better than he had been  
for a long time which is a  
comfort. He wrote Conrad  
a very nice little letter which  
if I can lay hands on I  
shall enclose.

Copy of news is shut  
up in the house during  
this stress of weather & find  
it dull enough. But she  
is tolerably well. I have  
not seen F for a week  
she has had Katie for 3  
days & as Miss Reynolds is  
still with her she has I  
hope leisure to get her new  
family fitted in -

Clare & Keeth are doing  
very well with their drawing  
really working at it & I  
understanding the principles  
which is what one would wish  
Con. too takes a great interest  
but - naturally does not pro-  
gress so fast - The other lessons  
go on fairly well usually &  
rhythmically - I think Miss F.  
is not a mental stimulant

I find that she makes the children depend upon themselves a good deal, & that is perhaps quite as useful, in life generally. The music both she & the children enjoy - & it goes on very well.

The latter year program seems very promising, I am hoping that you might also visit St. Augustin - as well as Kenicola. The latter seems to a piece of good policy as well as a pleasure, for every little thing that draws Mrs. K. to her daughter will decidedly react in her favour as leading her to a more free & provide for Hope.

Time is up not material for writing: you never say how you are feeling yourself. though I was glad to note that you were sleeping better. I think you should write an autobiography too, which will be most interesting.

With love from all  
Aunt