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My dear Anna,
Your letter of May 30
reached me yesterday, & a
line from Ruth this morning.
I have not yet heard anything
from Rankine, though I
suppose he should be arriving
about this time - neither you
nor Mother mentioned the
steamer by which he sailed.
I shall try to do what I can
for him when he gets here, &

hope to find that he may be
 inclined to buckle to at
 something, even if it is only
 hospital practice for the time
 being. I am bound to do a
 good deal of loafing of one kind
 or other this week, being without
 settled employment & waiting
 now chiefly for Mrs. Tupper's
 arrival. Last night I went to
 'Venice in London' & was
 quite surprised at the grand
 scale in which this exhibition is
 got up. It quite takes the shine
 out of the real Venice in
 everything but actual size. One
 section of the show consists of a
 series of canals & bridges with
 houses along them partly built &

partly painted, a narrow
 dry streets lined with stalls
 & shops. The Canals are all
 cemented & filled with water
 which is not only cool but
 looks clean & blue. Another
 & the main feature is an enormous
 amphitheatre, with a stage at
 one side at least as long as the
 whole front of the College buildings.
 Between the seats & the stage is
 a large basin of water, which
 connects with the 'Canals' & into
 which as part of the performance
 fleets of gondolas & barges of
 the most gorgeous character enter.
 These performances are not like
 ordinary plays but spectacular

effects assisted by music & dancing
 or 12, which succeed each other in
 rapid succession, & the whole
 stage with all the floating quadders etc
 are strewed with popovers, counted
 by hundreds.

I have promised to go tomorrow,
 Saturday, afternoon to Chislehurst
 to see Mrs & Mrs Redpath &
 will probably return on Sunday
 afternoon. The weather is fine
 & today for the first time has
 been really a little warm. I hope
 by soon to be able to sail for
 Canada & am really very
 waiting now for a while to make
 sure that I am no longer

needed

Yours
 Gings