

Rideau Club,  
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My dear Anna,

Many thanks for your  
letter - I am not at all sure  
that any public & direct representations  
on 'Dredge Surveys' will help W.  
The natural instinct of the  
Austrian's Comptroller with this is  
to resent it & to oppose propositions  
made in that way. I think that of  
the interest of the Minister or  
Govt. cannot be enjoyed primarily  
that very little good can come of  
public criticism of their action  
or want of action. Father always  
seemed to think that getting anything  
into print & circulating it was a great

horit gained, but I never believed  
 in this. People are severely influenced  
 in less overt ways - hence the  
 comparative inefficiency of Bible  
 Societies & Tract Societies.

I do hope that you may be able to  
 induce Mother to go for a short  
 rest somewhere, either with Miss  
 Sum or Mary Taylor. If either  
 thought of going to some further place,  
 perhaps Mother would consider  
 accompanying them.

I do not know what to advise  
 about your project for Clara. She  
 would not, I should suppose, have  
 a very lively time with Miss Derrick,  
 particularly as I thought she did  
 not particularly like Miss D. I have  
 no doubt that she might for a good  
 time ~~with~~ of a very sweet kind, with

Soa & with friends, but if she goes to England she should certainly take the occasion of seeing whatever is to be seen there, not everything perhaps, but certainly London & possibly Paris also for a few days.

I cannot take the responsibility of advising & do not know what arrangements can be made, but can only say that if you decide to send Clare off as you suggest, I shall be glad to be a party to the excursion in so far as supplementing the estimates goes. Let me know what you think will be required for this purpose, if you should decide on it, & I shall be very happy indeed to do my part. There is no particular pleasure in travelling with extreme



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Economy, but if it could be  
arranged, perhaps the best way  
would be to take a Cook's ticket,  
not too much restricted in time,  
covering the main travelling expenses  
& to provide ample supplementary  
beans for extras en route.

Let me know what you decide  
& what I may do for you in  
the matter.

Yours  
Scrymgeour

