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Dearest Bernard.

I feel as if I had rather neglected you of course you have seen all the things I describe & many more, & it is mainly for the education of the children. I think with pleasure of you & Ruth having had a while together & having to appreciate each other, she has never been much with you since she graduated. Conrad too seems to have taken hold of the family affairs & worked well & he will form a friendship with Clare that will be of inestimable value to him. Have you had any official notification of his passing his exams? & when will he have to go to Huxton?

pernish me with study for
months - & I long more than ever
for the children to have some
idea of the wideness & wonderful-
ness of the past-ages, & the glory
of this country: I would just love
to go up to the Highlands with
Lybil but will return to Eves
next week. Every one here seems
to have admired Clare so much
indeed I feel myself to be interested
as "Clare's mother": nothing would
please me better than to be known
for good as the children's mother.
At last the weather is lovely
& the sun really warm, but it
is like Mexico, the air is never hot
unless in a hot & cordage, or some
such confined space. Yesterday we
went out to Colinton to see a
visit Lybil had in evening. I
walked round in old place
celebrated for its holly & an average
bush of holly 100 yrs old & as high
as a tree: today I was out to

I wish I could feel sure that
he had a clear & definite idea of
living his life in God's sight. It
makes me shiver sometimes to
think of what he may meet & yet
I don't suppose we can really
shield him from such at home.
To try sometimes I give him a
word as to keeping himself pure
& away from lawering, companions.
How do you find Bernard? Kate
thinks him looking stronger &
less thin. I what is to be done
with him, next winter? I find
a growing & strong feeling here
against the Competition.
& quite strong statements made
as to the absolute injury done in
the years of strain & effort neces-
sitated by them. It is delightful
to be with Lybil. The atmosphere
of the house is peaceful & the
view beautiful, & her friends
are gems of the first water.
The country about here would

"The Inch" where ^{D. J.} Mrs. Barrows, are
to entertain a number of men from
a slum they are interested in this
is a kind of party that I will
enjoy - I had a jump into these
same slums a day or two since
I believe a very definite influence
is made there by social union
people who improve old tenements,
build new - personally collect the
rents weekly, & see to improved
sanitary & other conditions, one char-
attractive little restaurant - quite
in a slummy part, & next door to a
tavern, at once suggested better
influences - one lady here takes her
slum swains out to the country
for a week at a time clearing the
account, & herself lives with them
It is a blessing when money is in
the hands of people like the Bar-
rows & their friends, they do not
neglect reading, & art, & culture
for themselves or their children but
their central thought - is to help all

They can rich, or poor, even I, an
outsider can clearly see how far
their influence goes. Dr B. is in an
active practice, & lectures at the
Medical school. But how to think
of, & does all these things is wonder-
ful. We talked of sailing up the
Forth yesterday but had to give it
up. I hope we will manage it on
Monday, for I wd like to see it,
though the views of the people interest
me more.

Mrs P. Beelham kept on asking
asking me what I will go to her.
I think she really has a little lost her
clear hold on affairs, & rather forgets
she has written, or succeeds in
from scribbling. It is every kind of
her. & when I get back to Eva
we will see what next was I
not glad that I was clear about
not going up for the Coronation.

she seemed to think she would
like to go up to London for a week
or so. If she is in the same
mood I would like it very
well. Though riding & driving
in trams & cars is not ex-
actly restful. Those Highland
trains & the Gilt, & Favourite - are
much more to my mind.

Mr & Mrs Baldwin are in Edin-
burgh, & in & out of 7, 4th Stuart St. origi-
nally from Toronto - for some
years past - he has been Anglican
chaplain at Mentone, & in delicate
health, they talk of going out to
see their next month to meet some
Toronto friends, if so, Clare will
have to call upon them. I was a
little sorry, that we took so little
notice of the Grossetts last summer
but if they return, Clare might
look them up. I am of course sure

a good deal of Dr. ...

I am so glad to hear that B. is
a little more cheerful - but where
is the cause to be removed. I saw
Adelaide Campbell yesterday at the
Pitt. Invercraigs - & she spoke quite
strongly of his folly in going to the
Club & is on - as being fatal to any
idea of practice. Also spoke of things
said to his disadvantage. I replied
What kind of things? & she said - as
to his bad relations with G. - & that he
had not altered his will at the
last moment to cut him off."

I simply said - "That is a very
strange statement; I wonder who is
responsible for it." - but it is too
hard. I fancy G's must have
talked injudiciously to people, &
would not have minded Adelaide
but who can say who else? & also
we have maintained in all these
years as a matter of course

absolute silence, why sh^d they
give themselves away - If I had
dreamed of such a thing, I wd
have warmed g^o. I wonder if she
fancied us speaking of this, & she
felt she had to put in a word on
his side - It is sad! & comes back
to me at times, like a night mare
of horror! But we can ~~old~~ only
go on, & help as we can. At the
bottom of all is a spiritual dis-
rest, & it is dark above! & he
can see no light - shining on his
path! - I wish we could do more
for him - But I did not
Ighel has just brought in
some Iceland grasses, & they do
look so homelike. - but a bit of
grass we cannot procure to go
with them. Ighel sends her love
& says she is much obliged to you
for lending her your wife, we
really are so happy here, No atmos.

I you will find how far ahead
she is - Do tell me all about
how you find W. S. - & if you think
Conrad improved by his late
experiences -

Much love dear & I
nearly feel that my being away
will develop them all, & I hope
bring you into closer relations
with their lives, & what about
Mrs. M. - I hope she is not feeling
lonely, & is either going to Intie's
staying at home by her own
cordial will.

Lovingly
Anna

Many thanks for Clara's & Ruth's
letters tell Clara I decline her wish
to attempt the work from letters
she has sent, it is too tedious, & does
not inspire either of us.