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My dear George

I was glad to hear,
 through Anna, that you had
 reached London (en route for
 somewhere). Mr. Sibley of Abbotford
 seems bent on getting you to
 accompany him to Russia & is
 casting about to find how soonest
 to communicate with you. He
 appears to be a kindly man altho' I should
 fear your judging him slow & uninteresting.
 We have had Mrs. & Mrs. Putman
 staying with us for a few days. They
 are lately married & the present Mrs. P.

is his second wife. Poor woman she cannot walk from one door to the door of the museum without the risk of fainting. She cannot read or work, it affects her eyes injuriously. She can partake of only a very limited range of food - his on the one half of each day - dresses & drives the other half. She is very plain looking but very agreeable when not too unwell. Do you think the man who, knowing all this beforehand, marries such a woman is sane? He is Secretary to the American Ass: & came here at Papa's invitation to pre-arrange the business for the August meeting.

Joe Foster has this morning had the pleasure of arranging part of the Carpenter Collection in the first new Case in the new Museum. It has taken six hours uninterrupted work. I have had a very pleasant letter

from William this morning. He
 has completed his work in connection
 with the Survey of the Salt Fields. &
 is having a holiday, awaiting orders
 from Mr Plunkett, should his engagements
 go on, otherwise your father thinks
 he should return to Montreal. He
 had accepted an invitation to Mary
 Thomson's marriage on the 14th. She
 has married a Cap^{tn} in the navy - I
 think his name is Howells & it seems he
 is divorced from a former wife, but
 report says she was wholly to blame. That
 he is a good & excellent man. They
 have directly for England. Mr & Mrs
 Stanley Bayly sailed by the "Paisian" last
 Saturday, so also did Mr Wilson. Mr & Mrs
 Innes, with Miss Hamilton & 5 other girls
 leave tomorrow to travel chiefly on the
 Continent. "Forewarned is forearmed"

We have not heard again from Rankine since last I wrote, but, through Mr. Osbe, we heard he had written to ask Mr. Ogden if he would accept the position of assistant to him, to begin his duties on July 1st so I fear this is some thing amiss with his present assistant Mr. Butcher. Col. Noble has been ordered to Dublin Castle as Commandant of the Royal Engineers.

I am hungry to go with Mrs. Carpenter to the service in St. Andrew's Church at Mr. Campbell's funeral. So please excuse an abrupt adieu.

Love believe me to remain
your loving

Brother