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My dear George

Although weary—
having just finished packing
up to leave per Antis by tonight's
train, I must write to thank you
for your kind farewell note. Between
your last visit here & your final depart-
ure I felt quite useless with the desire
to see you again & say a kinder good
bye, but the way was far from clear
& I hurried myself till the time had gone.
The jumping off place however is Victoria
so let me commiserate myself with the hope

that I will catch you there & that
 you will accept my warmest loving
 good wishes that you may have a
 prosperous & pleasant summer. We
 have managed to separate into indivi-
 dual atoms & that pretty widely this
 summer. Will's departure was sudden
 & unexpected but we all rejoice that
 he is having a little out-door air.
 Florence goes with me tonight intend-
 ing to remain till the Autumn, so the
 longer he is required on the line the
 better it will suit. How mortified Eve
 would be at missing you in Toronto.
 She was planning to go to see you at the
 train, if you were merely to pass through,
 rather than not to see you. but there
 again Providence orders differently

Thank you very much for getting
 your photo taken — they are not yet
 to hand but your father can easily
 remit to Mrs. when they come.
 Very many thanks thanks also for
 your kind & liberal offer to share the
 expense of a portrait of myself. I am
 trying to be firm in keeping to my de-
 termination not to sit unless your father
 will also consent to have his taken —
 hitherto we are both ~~set~~ in our ways
 & which will yield remains to be discovered.
 I really am innocent of any personal
 desire for any such lasting fame I find
 it difficult to believe that any of my family
 have any earnest desire to possess such a
 memorial. With your father it is wholly
 different, you must see mould of him &

4 his likeness, if saved, would be an heir-
loom of historic value. In a letter I
had today from Miss Brooks she tells
me that Mr. Wilson has some intentions
towards having his painted by her. I
suppose you know Miss B. is in Toronto
at present. She is to pay us a visit at
Ottawa & then I suppose we shall have to
come to a decision.

Anna is thankful to get off with her
flock in health. The Hamilton's Children
are down with Carter's fever.

Ellen our old Cook is remaining to Cater
his paper till he can leave, & will probably
will return this week & may remain with
him till he is ready to leave.

Following you constantly in prayer
& again wishing you every Comfort &
blessing believe me to be your affectionate
Mother