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Dear George

Our "Eas" & Studies
"Receptions" are all for the present
& hearty glad I am as they go hard
against my grain — not at all,
so far as I can judge, in my
"vocation" & they have during the
past weeks been thrust in not only
in addition to my other claims
upon our time but into weeks of
great extra strain & worry in Papa's
high connection with this question
of women's education, wh: I dare say

for his sake you have followed
 in the newspapers. Much however
 lies hidden ~~the~~ surface veil
 as there is good reason to believe
 that it is a planned & joint attempt
 emanating from Queen's College
 to damage Dr. Fildes if it involves
 a blot on your father's reputation
 that can't be helped; so that the
 scheme is not yet fully developed
 & it requires at present, on his part,
 the most vigilant watchfulness as
 well as working to the work. In
 all this I take the keenest interest
 but still he is a lonely man in the
 struggle, without a confidant or friend

whose knowledge or judgment
 could strengthen his hands. In
 many ways I think it would
 comfort him if you could
 come down often, at his &
 Cousin's he likes to rest from
 business worries on Sundays &
 give his visits here little other
 time for conversation. Pray consider
 of this.

Anna & her men keep go on
 as well as possible. He is a big
 little fellow with strong voice
 power which he is overfond of
 exercising. Last week we had
 another short visit from Mr. Calkin
 he hoped to have shipping but

the coating of snow was of the thinnest
 or for most of the time the sleds were
 gone so I was glad when he left
 as there was really nothing whereby
 to amuse him. He was to sail from
 New York last Saturday. We have
 still Eric & Edith here - they are as
 good as children can be but of
 course they add somewhat to our
 work. I don't know how Anna
 is going to manage such a troop
 especially as she desires so much to
 educate them at home. It does not,
 at this distance of time, seem possible
 that we could have passed through
 such distracting work. So please come
 & see us although we are only hard working
 old pussies. We do love you Mother.