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My dear George

This will be only
a few words to thank you for
writing from the S. S. We were
glad to hear that you were safely
on board & doubtless after the passengers
settled down & were assured you
will have found some pleasant
& interesting people amongst them. The
Greenfields with their large-hearted kindly
ways will be a nucleus - I only wish it
had been witty Bella or philosophical
John who add, to this family motherliness,
some mental stimulus. My best thanks

also see your kind thoughts of my
 welfare. to me it is particularly difficult
 to take wine, even as a medicine, in
 this pronouncedly temperance house.
 I feel the example of years not be lost upon
 servants if I took it for a week, I am
 so unused to concealment that if
 I tried to take it privately I wd be dis-
 covered wh: wd be a hundredfold
 worse for myself & the Cause. nevertheless
 I will keep it mind & if I find myself
 getting weaker I will try to overcome my
 fears. I am having a really wearing ex-
 perience with servants - I have had two
 new cooks in three weeks ^{the} second will
 not suit, so again I hunting all round
 to get a suitable woman & there are few
 pr: wh: to choose. Also too, my conduct, just

in a market & also the housemaid -
 a perhaps good woman altho not
 quite so clever as help. these affairs here
 to the present quite prevented my having
 much enjoyment in Eva's visit. happily
 Hope is of an independent & adventurous dis-
 position & starts off on expeditions that
 occupy whole forenoons or P.M. &
 turns up only to meals so he adds little
 to our cares. On Friday ev. last we
 all went to the presentation of papa's
 portrait. it was a very pleasant & successful
 occasion but I shall not attempt any
 description as your pastor intends to
 send a paper containing an acct. of the
 proceedings. On Saturday the finishing of
 the ^{1 week} ~~dismission~~ (so far as the students are con-
 cerned) came off in the form of the Arts Con-
 vocation. Sir James Grant appeared as
 Pres: & representative of the M^r. P^rill students

of the Ottawa district - The duke with
 all the pomp of a political fireworks harangue
 & amongst the display there were a few
 brilliant sparks. Afterwards we had the
 usual tea at one house. When the
 lady was introduced I landed to her mother's
 heart content, but Silvia is really an un-
 commonly pretty & good lady & so friendly
 to all than naturally she wins hearts. Will
 & Florence have fairly left one neighbourhood -
 they & all their belongings having begun life
 at 70 St. Martin's ~~the~~ on Sat. night. I have
 not yet been in the house. So have no personal
 acquaintance with its inmates.

Jane Parker looks unusually well at the
 end of this session - wh: I am therefore
 is over. So music are mixed with trial
 per while Jane P. is so object & heartless there
 is more than an ordinary skeleton in the cupboard
 with heartist wishes that you may have a successful
 & charming visit to London & best love ^{expresses from} Mother.