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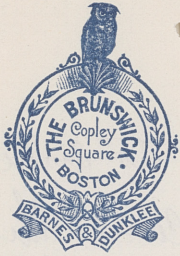
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Dear George

Every thing one can reasonably
desire is to be got here except time, but I conclude that
there are certain busy folks there will never find them
anywhere in this sphere, & they must be let go or
that they flatter themselves that they are busy people.
Your father who really has "a mission" has gone about
it in a quiet, unpretentious way there has, I think, had much
to do with the success of his lectures. The last one of his
course is due on Monday the 18th & if all goes well with
them there is reason to congratulate him. His audience has
been large & appreciative. The hall holds 800 people & it has
been, what may be called, full except on one rainy night.
I shall be glad when we find ourselves safely at home
again, ~~not~~ because I am tired of Boston or hard
life, but I have had some anxiety on account of being
here above with him altho' his is a bitter cause.
We intend to leave by the morning train of Wednesday 20th
Since I received your last letter I have been thinking

Carefully of your suggestions in regard to Clare. Many difficulties occur to me. It would be rare to find any one going to a desirable climate especially ^{except} this one on a relative's health. At an earlier date this autumn I spoke to Anna of the advisability of looking out for something of this kind for Laura & proposed approaching the Skettaris, who have been for two years in Colorado & have now decided to settle there. She objected to the idea of sending him where one of the two was a Consumptive, as to any Consumptive resort, & all places suitable, I know to us, he never or has frequented by this class of invalids. Nothing occurs to me that could be done unless we should hear of a comfortable, isolated place & your father were willing that he & I should go with him. I know however that were this proposed a host of objections wd be raised as to the uncertainty of our own health. Personally I wd willingly take all risks persuaded (thus leaving Clare out of the consideration) of a consumption of temptations to accept engagements for Societies &c. in Montrose, & the freedom of petty house-cares for me wd be beneficial for both of us. I am fully persuaded that had your father attempted to give this course of lectures in Montrose we should, as he is there, by interruptions & strains of various kinds



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he will have broken down, & I am apprehensive that the pleasure he has had in pinching himself here - then to take of the lectures so highly appreciated - may be an incentive to take other engagements. Anne writes to me that she has taken Chace away from all afternoon lessons at Kapalgas - wh: shows that ^{she} is somewhat anxious about her health, & without doubt the poor child looks as if she had very little vitality. On our return I shall be on the alert for any favorable opportunity that may arise. I hope to thank you will be able to come to see us soon when we can speak of this matter. I earnestly hope all traces of your cold have left you. If you have had measles at all like what has been here it will give a poor chance to throw it off. For the first 11 days we had summer heat - then a day or two cold - one day cold & now again, although raining today, it is quite mild.

Boston is a beautiful city. & tho' of its arches, where we have gone by electric car & then taken a walk & returned, are extremely attractive. The Free Library, lately finished, & now in use is the finest interior I have seen. The ^{walls of the} entrance hall & grand staircase are wholly of soft yellow, polished, Sienna marble. The floor of the hall is mosaic, inlaid with beads representing the signs of the zodiac. On the wall, at the return of the stairs, is a fresco of twelve life-size figures, done in tints, on a pale blue background. It is executed by the painter of the fine art salon of Paris. The central figure, I understand, represents the God of Wisdom & he is being approached from both sides by these floating female figures playing an instrument.

I must try to get a guide-book & get some more definite information. The lower ensemble is very fine & worth some time & trouble to visit it. Paper has gone to take lunch with Pop Goodale at Cambridge today - the first time we have been an hour separated from each other. Except all love dear George from Mother.