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My dear Lewsky—

Let me thank you  
 very much for the draft of a letter—  
 suitable as an answer to Mr  
 Coleman, which I have copied  
 & sent off to-day enclosing the bill  
 he sent as you indicated. I have  
 tied together your & his letters with  
 the draft in case they sh<sup>d</sup> be required  
 for reference, & to remind me where  
 further to do when the we receive an  
 answer fr Mr Rücker. Yours further

was very much excited by this  
 matter when he heard Mr Calmer's  
 letter, & as he has not alluded to it  
 since I wrote to you I thought it  
 prudent not to bring it again to his  
 thoughts. He seems to miss & me  
 rather to gain than lose strength,  
 but these rainy dark days depressed  
 his spirits & made him very restless.  
 Yesterday passed quite brightly for business  
 clear atmosphere. We had two most  
 acceptable visitors - Bishop Bancroft  
 & Miss Linn - with whom he  
 talked with ease & freedom & afterwards  
 since these dark people cheered him.

Lastly we have been reading  
 Dr. MacLaren's new book — "The Pattern  
 Wheel" — & we heartily, with some  
 slight exceptions — so far as we have  
 seen, are much pleased with  
 it. It is <sup>style</sup> beautiful & practical. I know  
 you would enjoy reading it. There  
 are however no copies of it in town —  
 I myself sent to Toronto for the one  
 we are reading but, if we are as  
 fully satisfied with the latter half, we  
 shall order more. One thanks also  
 for taking so much trouble to get  
 Mrs. or Florence to pay us a visit  
 last Sunday. I have quite an apologetic

note <sup>this day</sup> from Clarence who seems sorry  
she c<sup>d</sup> not avail herself of your  
offer to pay her way.

We have had nice letters from Hape.  
Eve & Rankine this week. The  
terrible storm of Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> passed  
by Hape's house <sup>but</sup> hurt in one of the  
windows of a neighbour's. He afterwards  
ran down to Halymer's to see how the  
new part of the house there had fared  
& found all staunch & strong. We shall  
of course gladly welcome either you or  
Will on Sat. but do not, I pray, make  
too great sacrifices to come. We get through  
each day comfortably & if there is any special  
need I will let you know <sup>our love</sup>  
Mother.