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Saturday night

My dear George

Thank you for your

note of the 6<sup>th</sup>. I tried to write to you  
yesterday & altho' my available time  
is given to writing things of small interest  
often press to the point & no time for  
what one wants to do is left. I am glad  
that your Report draws to a close because  
I know it is a formidable & tiresome work.

All goes on here much as it has for  
many weeks past. Both Dr. Blackie &  
Dr. Stewart visited papa on Thursday & Dr.  
L. who has not seen him for a considerable  
time, said there was a marked improvement

in his pulse & general appearance of strength  
 since he has seen him. Afterwards  
 in the drawing room, Dr B. told me  
 that this visit was one of kindness & to  
 cheer papa because they have already done  
 all that they could do & the real part is  
 that improvement in general health gives  
 no guarantee against attacks such as he  
 has already had. So patiently we must  
 continue to watch against predisposing  
 causes & do far as may be able this return.

Jane further has many times spoken of his  
 biography & what would become of it, & today  
 he said, as if he had come to the final acceptance  
 of a fact — that he saw three months ago  
 Mrs. Will could be expected to undertake  
 its revision. I suggested the possibility —

While Rankine is unemployed as he seems  
 now to be, of his undertaking the revision &  
publication with, if possible, an arrangement  
 that you should supervise the scientific portion,  
 I have spoken of this to Anna & she rather favors  
 the idea. You father too considers it is probably  
 the best that can be done - but I may say  
 confidently, that we all three are always  
 of the treatment that he gives entirely different  
 character from what it will receive from  
 you, & that it will not be easy to make changes  
 without giving offence. The paper will be  
 able to correct where P. will write all that he  
 will & I rather think that is what your father  
 hopes to do. In submitting this to your judgment  
 I simply state a difficulty that we have had  
 to day & I want you to know this, so far as  
 I am concerned, I have made a suggestion.

While fully aware that my opinion  
 in such a matter is tertiary & without  
 value. but papa asked me to consult you  
 & I regret I had no opportunity of writing earlier  
 as tho' he retains this subject in his mind  
 he will want me to write to Rankin by  
 Monday's mail. & to tell him to Cable an  
 answer. On the other hand he may, as he  
 has done in similar cases, forget about  
 it. - Mrs Carmat prettier which.

Carroll called at J's office last Monday & was  
 told you were out, he returned by afternoon  
 train. Ruth is expected back on Monday the  
 10<sup>th</sup> probably by P.M. train. She is to spend tomorrow  
 Sunday with H & W.

With all loving regards wishes  
 your affectionate  
 Mother