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My dear Tracy -

Your father & I thank you
very cordially for your good wishes and
recurrence of another anniversary of our
wedding. Saturday was a day of some day
& not a very person, not a little explanation was
received so we evidently exhausted the
resources of all our pieces last year. This
morning I have received a bunch of beautiful
words from Mr. Ami.!! He called this morning
& detained me for an whole hour &
which this betoken an apology for having
me so long, or that he was charmed. With
the interviews are given understood. He
looks ill. I fear he has had an attack

of paralysis I noticed his face twitch.
 Notwithstanding this early interruption
 today has been an exceptionally bright
 one, papa has had an hour's urine &
 returned hungry for dinner & has kept
 up better during the remainder of the day
 than for many days past. I read to him
 Gairdner's historical sketch, or notes, on the
 Zulu district. Very few places I should
 think have had their earliest history re-
 corded with such thoroughness & precision.
 What an amount of research & correspondence
 it must have taken to get such a number
 of names, dates & figures gathered & arranged!
 Papa listened to the end with the deepest
 interest.

In regard to the article on Lilies & Turnips

I made two copies from the original M.S. & sent one to the Gazette with a request to insert it as an editorial, but several days past & it did not appear. I then went myself & gave my White, whom I saw, spoke & begged us to what he intended that I thought he objected to publishing it, so I went to the Witness office & saw Mr. Langale who cordially accepted it & it was published immediately. As the Witness is a liberal paper I thought it not an advantage. I was very much gratified yesterday to see in the "Comma's" that Sir H. Dufferin had asked three reports of tides & currents shot laid on the table, I suppose in preparation for his introducing the subject for discussion. When Sir W. Laurier asked for a few details Mr. the H.-J. gave clearly referring to an excellent article that had appeared in the papers. This gives

a little hope that Laurier begins to find
 that there is more interest taken in the
 matter than he at first thought there will
 be. I hope the Board of Trade here will send
 another delegation to press its importance, if
 Col. Johnson will join it to represent the
 P. S. C. I will ^{too} have the opportunity to try to
 influence Harlan, McDaniel or other of these
 B. C. men, who see the need for a survey of
 the Pacific Coast. There will strengthen the
 real cause you think? I do implore you
 dear George to make time to go out of doors
 & breathe the delightful spring air we are
 now having. It strengthens & acts one at one
 & the same time - do he exhorted to make the
 the sacrifice it requires. Do attend to this in place
 of coming to see us. With all warm love from
 Mother.