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My dear George

Sincere thanks for  
long letter received a few days  
ago. I have here two letters from  
Rankine since I sent you one  
of his. In the first of these two he  
complains that his post is  
quite very troublesome. In the  
last, he refers again at some  
length to Autobio reply saying, he  
wants to know from you & from me  
whether we propose to have a "Life"  
written on father's own autobiography

entitled, for if the former he  
 doubts his Capability to do it, but  
 if only the latter, with an introductory  
 chapter & perhaps an appendix — but  
 as this is a somewhat important  
 matter & it is better to look up his  
 letter & show you precisely what  
 he says, by letting you read it.  
 As to the pros & cons of how it may  
 affect his own interests that is  
 hidden both for him & us — he seems  
 to be taking the very best course he  
 can follow to fit himself for entering upon  
 public practice in whatever department  
 he may elect to follow. I believe it will  
 encourage him if you will credit him  
 with wisdom in so doing. Coming

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to this Country again with his  
knowledge enlarged wd probably  
make him to decide better what  
prospects of success promised, altho'  
I fear; "nothing venture nothing  
win", will here to be his motto.  
Quite lately I found a letter in  
your father's writing & addressed to  
me containing some directions as  
to his biography in wh he says that  
he thinks \$300. shd should be given  
to you as I suppose to any one else  
who undertakes to prepare his biog.  
shd P. decide to venture, & come  
to this Country, I suppose this sum  
wd cover his expenses & if there shd  
be any profit, wh I much doubt,  
to you as either you or I are concerned

I am sure he is welcome to it.  
 I wd prefer his not coming out till  
 I went to Metz. I wd be glad to see  
 both G<sup>o</sup> & baby Margaret there. I am  
 lading both Sturm & Mrs. Jones. Sturm  
 leaves in March & I have begun the search  
 for not-to-had success! I have  
 been taking an entire rest fr sorting  
 papers of every kind & attending to some  
 house work - visitors now occasion-  
 ally call in the P.M & the days pass all  
 too quickly. I have only got pretty through  
 Lord Phipps's life. it is very interesting -  
 altho' indeed he will not let his wife  
 be his under a bushel! I laid it aside  
 to read a work by Henry Drummond, "The  
 Bit of Atlantis" by an all student who  
 has dedicated it to father. The kindness of  
 wh, is measure by its worthlessness, wd not be great  
 the one all this, with much love from Mother.