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My dear George

In part apology for  
delay in writing to you, I had  
hoped that you might have  
come down yesterday, but  
busy - always busy! The best we  
can say is that we shall very  
glad to see you when you  
find that you can break away.

Thank you for sending Hankins  
note of February 28<sup>th</sup>. It was our  
firmness of which he had written  
to me with the pleasant addition

There is though Mr. Metis will be a good  
 place to mark at the biography, for  
 this I am much indebted to you  
 for writing to him. Since this date  
 I have received a letter from Mrs. E. She  
 & H. have been to Arthur Crocus's  
 wedding at Brighton & have seen  
 R. & G. in passing through London.  
 E. tells me that so far as she un-  
 derstands their plans that R. intends  
 to come here about the end of this  
 month - that G. & H. propose to  
 go to Scotland for the summer &  
 to follow him about September  
 should R. decide to remain here. He  
 is evidently passing through this painful

state of mind - indecision & he  
 must fight it out alone, although  
 he has my deepest sympathy in the  
 struggle. & my prayers that he may  
 decide for the best. Shd he decide to  
 try to get practice here without doubt  
 he will have a difficult & trying  
 ordeal to endure & will need all  
 the kindness & encouragement that  
 friends can give to sustain him  
 till success draws. One hopeful  
 thing is that Gb is most desirous  
 that he shd make the venture. They  
 have sent me two copies of herby's photo.  
 The Harringtons have had two accounts  
 of the lateness of spring at Smith's &  
 it will depend upon a decision

income of warm weather soon  
to make its presence - for us  
to go 1<sup>st</sup> June - We shall see!  
My necessary preparations for the  
move, especially in the matter of  
collecting father's letters, goes on  
very slowly - weeks begin & end  
with little or no progress. I cannot  
understand why I accomplish so  
little for I am more idle.  
Have I told you that Mr. Fay has  
had 4000 \$ worth of Shares  
in the proposed Com: Bank & I get  
me a Certificate for the same. It gives  
no further trouble, he tells me, they  
send the interest without application  
with all loving affection from Mother.