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Birkenshaw,

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My dear George

I am glad - very  
glad to know that you have  
returned safely from N.Y. I feared  
the prominence & responsibility of your  
position <sup>there</sup> ~~was~~ in itself be a strain  
on your strength, but in such a temperance  
I am thankful you have escaped  
serious results. I, & all interested in  
you here, will most cordially wish  
come you as soon as duty allows  
you to leave Ottawa. Try to leave  
by the weekly night train from Montreal

I to secure a berth before hand as it  
 is crowded - fine Pulmer's Corn  
 Nutt Whisky. If you can, without  
 undue trouble, bring 4 lb. best Java  
 & Mocha Coffee beans with you &  
 will be obliged. I have asked both  
 Dr. Shepherd & Dr. Blackaller to visit  
 me here, the former, should he come, will  
 remain only a night or two on his  
 return for a fishing excursion Dr. B.  
 I hope, for a longer time & later in the  
 season I, by the way, please do really  
try to make such arrangements as will  
 enable you to take a prolonged visit here

Thank you sincerely for the list of pathing  
 hooks & the work it must have cost you  
 to get them done &c. The number & the num-  
 ber of

editions being must vividly before  
 and his wonderful powers of brain  
 & hereby as well as the extent of his knowledge.  
 I fancy Prof Baring (who is rather a puffy  
 man) will have his breath stopped  
 before he comes to the end of the list.  
 Do you propose to add the aggregate  
 of Scientific papers &c Contributions or  
 separately published, this rounding up  
 of the list <sup>of the list</sup> will be desirable don't you think? Dr  
 Ami I suppose has his list nearly ~~more~~  
 complete. I do not think Parkine is  
 doing anything with autographies ex-  
 cept making literary amendments, but  
 I will leave him to make his own state-  
 ments. Doubtless you are before this  
 in receipt of Parkine's letter & estimate

relating to the monument. I regret  
 that I have no further light upon  
 where or to whom I sent the sketch.  
 Still there is anything there does not fully  
 meet J's views in what P. says or has  
 done leave the matter till you come  
 here.

We are now entering upon the private  
 day of East Wind & rain but I earnestly  
 hope that this is preparing the way for  
 a long stretch of bright sunny weather  
 at the time of J's visit. All here are  
 quite well, altho' P. has a horrid shrew-  
 in cough the result, I fear, of excessive  
 tobacco smoking.

With love as always & in the hope of  
 having you here soon.  
 Mother