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My dear George

I am sorry that I
have been unable to write in
answer to your letter sooner.
As you know I called to R. as
you suggested, and my own
signature. I do not think there is
any need for a² duplicating it.
I also wrote to him on Monday
telling him, as I had ~~at~~, that I
thought something more of better
was required to be done with the

M. S. before it was committed to
 the publisher but in what they there
 was to be done I was no adequate
 judge but, as both you & Anne
 felt that it mt. be improved & made
 more attractive, I hoped that you
 especially wd. find time to write
 to him & state, fr. yr. experience, what
 further ch. he done. I did not tell him
 that the opinion of a competent au-
 ditor was desirable because he
 seemed so prejudiced against Peop
 Coley, & Anne & I had decided that
 we knew of no better man & there-
 fore if this step was to be taken we must

Charles
 ^ him. Justly did write to Collyer
 & his answer was immediate &
 most courteous, feeling gratified that
 he had ^{opinion} ~~what~~ he asked. He called this
 evg - when we had a private talk
 with him. He took away the
 M.S. with him & will give it his
 immediate attention & return with
 it towards the end of this week.
 I am just afraid to write the nurses.
 but it is very desirable they gave
~~st~~ be here, & if you favour his
 opinion valuable, discuss the
 matter fully with him. Is it possible

without too much sacrifice
 per you to do so? as well you prefer
 to have it. I hear his opinion re-
 port to you & make an appointment
 later if you think he positive advise
 for him desirable? I sh^d judge
 that he wd^l willingly undertake
 to do any work you mt^d commit to him
 from the pleasure he expressed to
 have any share in the matter.

I feel that Nile has been severely left
 out of our confidence in this mat-
 ter - not wilfully but for circumstances
 He is expected to pass thro' Montreal
 this week when I had hoped he
 wd^l be able to take time to read

pass if not all of y^r type
 written Copy & am rather
 sorry to put ^{it} into this act,
 on the other hand it is desirable
 to come to some definite Con-
 clusion as to what is to be done
 & above all these peace & harmony
 be maintained in the family.
 better than it sh^d never be published
 than any bitterness sh^d be aroused.
 Rankine is necessarily very busy & it
 may be that part of the business he con-
 sidered he has to attend to after he
 starts G. W. & truly is that of seeing

the autobiography fairly under-
weigh so ^{to} persuade him there
delay ^{in the hope of improving it} is better than haste there and
you after regret is what we
all think wiser - - - - -

I have had two busy days & tonight
am too stupid to write intelligibly
so had better stop abruptly than
write nonsense.

Adieu yours affectionately

Mather

Good day night

