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As to the biog. I have said very little about it - for I had perfect confidence in Geo's judgment - & thought you & he were quite able to arrange it - - But as there seems to be a divergence of opinion as to what now is to be done I must say what I strongly feel - viz that in its present form I wd be very unwilling to see it given to the public - It bears about the same relation to paper life as a botanical description of a flower wd do to a beautiful painting giving colour, form & atmosphere - I conclude that Geo & I are by far the most likely paper in our nature & probably realize his views & character more sympathetically & though an early part - is no doubt desirable in the present case - Every care must be taken, every calculation made every effort used to perfect this M. J. - left to us -

I think of a life of paper with no allusion to his love of gardening to his beautiful correspondence with children & interest in them -

I wd be very grieved to have
less than the best copy of paper
come out. but far warr we
be any better. I am deter-
mined to avoid any thing of the
kind, & for matters sake I think
you must do the same.

I never liked Mr. being brought
into the affair & begged matter
to state most plainly that
no step was to be taken without
your full sanction. & she did so,
& he replied in a nice way,
fully assenting to this & ex-
pressing not only willingness, but
a desire to defer to you in all
points. I have asked matter to
look this up, & keeping a copy
it might be sent to him to re-
mind him how he has himself
regarded the matter, & have me
still see it.

I thought a few words
wd explain these matters. & so
began on a letter sheet, & cause the
result - my dear - Gl's furniture
has arrived packed in huge cases
& cd not be got into the house.
so Bernard had to get a party in
parts & go over at 6 of. & unpack
them in the street. Coming home
for dinner about 9 of.

No mention of his habit of addressing
children's meetings of his always
having little books to give always
of his keeping a parcel of books
for much students of his father
by relations to his employees
his excursions with students
his pleasant jokes & little stories
at table & do other things that
go to make up the man as the
reader will wish to know him

I know you consider the
Su. S. as his own record of a life
looking back - so far, so good. I do
a thoughtful mind the lack
of all personal thoughts, of any
credit element except for
earnest intellectual toil, is
instruction, but, I don't think
his children sh^d be content to
issue his life as a parcel of
books -

glo. is a dear sweet woman
& will do th-a world of good
Muscle love, I hope to
see you soon. & a cheer every
ofen for all difficulties
affectionately
Aunt

Re Biography

Re being high handed
about the affair

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