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Montreal.

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My dear George

I am truly sorry
for having let so long time
pass without writing to you as
I feel you must have longed
to know if, since Parkine returned,
anything had been said about
the auto biography. I have usually
my things to get his decision upon
and has kept them busy so that I
have seen very little of them, either
on Thursday, or Friday, the letter I
I tell you of was returned to me

from England & without opening
 it I commited it to Rowland's care
 promised to lunch with them on
 Saturday. After lunch P. introduced
 the subject by explaining where he
 considered his mission was
 in coming out last summer &
 what he considered he was
 empowered to do on his return
 to England. He was most firm
 in his opinion that it shd be pub-
 lished as father's own work & his
 work without additions of any kind,
 & when I demurred to there being
 all there shd be taken of his life he
 said, it shd be followed by a detailed

history which he w^old, if necessary,
 write himself & promise to have
 ready within three years, or sooner,
 if he did not get much to do. He
 has about five hundred letters
 fr. farther extending back twenty
 years. The Commission, if it may be
 called such, because it was rather
 a statement, was short as Miss
 Shepherd, slave & Pette came in
 & no further opportunity occurred.
 Another opportunity may occur altho'
 you may surely realize how difficult
 it is to get a suitable opportunity!
 Gb was present on Sat. I seemed ~~unhappy~~
 & pained - perhaps I have been ~~unhappy~~

speaking to her on this subject
altho I knew P. here, but to what
extent I did not know. It is

a most unfortunate introduction
to us & to her new home. If I see
get P. alone I will use this among
other points to her, if possible, to see
the inestimable value of love & peace.

I ~~have~~ have an uncomfortable few
days the bursting of the hot water cylinder
on Friday the 4th, after the plumber's had
closed these shops. On Sat, it was taken
down, & replaced ^{being a high one} ~~about~~ ^{meant}
of a ^{the} same cylinder again &
no plumber could be got till Monday
but by Mon: evg we had a new one
put up. ~~but~~ the had no fire for 3
days.

to do
of some cleaning
no hot water
in the kitchen