

~~St. John's College.~~ BirkenheadFriday 16th July

Dear Mr. George

It seems a long, long
 time since you left us, yet life goes
 on in the same monotonous lines
 that leaves nothing on the memory —
 nothing to record. Your father does a
 little writing — a little reading & takes
 short walks as he did while you
 were here. There are days when he is
 rather uncomfortable, but the greater
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of the time he has nothing to trouble
him except general ~~ability~~. Dr. Black-
ack is here & has come three times
to see him, which is a comfort &
pleasure to him & today he said, "I
will come in for a chat every day."
& I know this is a pleasant prospect.
There are now many people in the
hotels but few that take any interest
in us or we in them. Mr. Douglas
brought with him Wallace's last book
"Israel & Talk". The travels are limited to
America. The talk is about eminent men
that he becomes acquainted with. He

devotes an entire chapter to your father -
 of whose work he is appreciative &
 also I think shows clear insight into
 his character. He introduces the chapter
 by the misinformation that Sir W. & his
 charming daughter afterwards lunched
 with him at Queen's House, Chyni Walk,
 Chelsea. That she married in England
 & has since died. It is a very chatty book
 & Palmer is the Centre & Circumference of
 every circumstance. ~~But~~ as we know
 a good many of the men who are introduced
 it lends an interest that could not otherwise
 be sustained. Thank you sincerely for
 "America & the Americans". From a French point
 of view.

I think I shall enjoy reading it, or rather
 I shall I hope we shall enjoy it because
 I read aloud to papa a good deal,
 & if the story pleases him he does enjoy
 it. I wish you ~~could~~ see it right
 to come here again — towns are not
 abodes for humours in such hot
 weather. Mrs Malson is still here
 & likes it much. She is simple in her tastes,
 easily pleased, taking an interest every
 thing around her. Eva was still at
 Sull-Span when she wrote on June
 30th. — all well.

With love as always ever yours
 affectionate Mother