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My dearest George

I have passed through so many new scenes & seen so many new people that I have lost all knowledge of how the family correspondence stands. We returned home on Saturday last having been kept very actively employed during our trip. We met with very nice people in Philadelphia who showed us no small kindness. Papa's lectures were attended by an audience of about one thousand

people. It on all hands we heard of this being highly appreciated. The weather became very warm on Tuesday the 10th & when we reached New York on the following Thursday the thermometer stood at 95°. It was distressingly hot, many cases of sunstroke were reported.

Papa & I went to see the Cosmopolitan Collection in the new building in the Central Park & later to the new Museum of Natural History. It is part of what will be a splendid mass of buildings & it is built & fitted up regardless of expense. The large cases are of iron faced over with mahogany & cost eighteen hundred dollars apiece. I think there are ten of these on each floor & five flats. There is an abundance of

of light & all the collection is bright
 & clean having nothing of that dusty
 look most museums I have
 noticed have. In one room there were
 skeletons of ^{an} immense Moose & Irish
 elk. but I must not tell you that Japa's
 time was chiefly given to the paleontolog-
 ical collection. We returned to
 our hotel by the Metropolitan railway
 utterly exhausted. In the evening
 we had some conversation with
 Rankine about his plans. He
 still considers the idea of going to
 England at once the best plan & so
 it was settled that he should return
 to Montreal & sail on Friday of
this week. ^{now} On the Friday the heat
 moderated a little & I wandered
 about shopping on my own acct.
 while Japa was again occupied

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resitting other Collections. We
got home Sat. at 1 P.M. & R. at mid-
night. as he was detained till a later
train by attending a Medical Conven-
tion.

I find my self plunged suddenly
into domestic Confusion. Looking
for servants ~~or~~ ~~or~~ Maggie left this
morn'g & as yet we have no one to fill
her place, indeed no one however
close will be able to fill her place
for many a day. William looks well
but has heard nothing farther as
to the tunnel or any other work.
happily he does not anticipate trouble
beforehand, living as he pre-eminently
does by faith. R. has been studying
hard in N.B. & looks as pale & jagg'd
as before he left. I am grieved when
I rec'd my interference with him about
taking his chyre & so I said - started that

5 He is going away to far to
study hard in such a run
down condition. I got my
first mistake makes me
dumb but I should make
a second. but I must not
treat you to poems & sighs, you
have your own burden of
loaders to bear for before this
can catch you I suppose
you will have climbed those
watery slopes & be off on your
independent way.

Last night the Club met
at Miss Lunn's. Afterward a
picnic was decided to go to the Back
River. The ladies to provide eatables
the gentlemen conveyances. The young
people to go in a large open omnibus
called "the Princess". Starting from twenty
to twenty five. Part - quite mixed

6 Swit my sober years better
for, but I suppose I have
to hush my self & make ready.
I had hoped to find the
excuse that I could not
leave my husband alone but
that is cut from under me.
He expects to go to India on
Monday to receive the additional
rotte to his tail & attend a
meeting of the Council of Public
Instruction.

Also Mr Mackenzie of Prince of Wales
Terrace is dead, also the rich old
Harrison Stephens. many are longing
to hear of his tail. Another of our
old men is withering for the tomb
— Joseph Muckey has had a
paralytic stroke. I am
sorry to stop my garrulous talk
but I have to go to Catherine St. before
dinner. to advise church. George.
Mathie

... but I suppose I have
to have my eye to make way
I have failed to find the
as well that I cannot not
have my hand above the
that is cut from under me
the reports to go to under
journey to receive the attention
rather to his trial & obtain a
meeting of the Council of Public
Instruction
... the working of some of the
... is done, also the
... the
to have of his will. Another of our
... is thinking for the
... perhaps perhaps the fact a
... that I am
... and perhaps talk
but I have to go to continue to
... to obtain about
...

As a young man I was
 very fond of the
 Charles Carleton
 first mistake makes one
 dream but I should make
 a dream. but I must not
 but you to know I hope for
 have you over garden of
 business to see for before the
 our catch you I suppose
 you will see church there
 history before I go on your
 independent way.
 but might the Club not
 at this house. Ostrander a
 friend was chosen to go to the back
 River. the basis to provide estates
 the gentleman's company. The young
 people to go in a large open country
 called "the River", but from there
 to the first. but a great number