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Dearest George

The excitement of the
 past two weeks is over - I say two
 weeks for the real work it involved
 began with me the day I returned
 from Paris (19th August). When on entering
 the door I was told that, "three bed-
 rooms were already occupied". I found
 that Carrie Cross & her friend Mr. Keyser,
 & unexpectedly, William had arrived before
 me - The same day I had to search for
 a new apartment - got provisions, in short
 to organize the ménage. W. & Mr. Gray
 of Cambridge & Sybil completed the out-
 fits. but from the Wednesday when
 the meetings began we sat down a
 day: as near to every meal. There were
 many minor preparations to make for

our Reception on the Thursday by, we
 had two formal dinner parties, of the
 greater magnitude, such as Carpenter - Roe,
 Haughton, Busch, Cape, Pillet &c. At
 an early date I enlisted Sybel & Carie
 as assistants, the former kept the table
 & rooms adorned with fresh flowers
 & Carie & I saw to it that every thing
 for what I required to be bought. I am
 really surprised as I look back & consider
 how well everything passed off - there was
 military precision in the orders & their
 execution which came of the nervous
 tension which the excitement & necessity
 for earnest work brought, & instead of
 feeling tired the longer it lasted the
 better I felt able to bear the strain, at
 least up to a certain point for the reaction
 began last Sat: after a dinner party of the
 gentlemen paper had taken to see the
 Egoon (in situ) & Sunday & Monday I became
 bodily & mentally limp. However now
 that paper is off & Carie & I are gone to

to spend four days at Como, where Kate
with part of her family are staying, & begin
to freshen up & when the weather gets
a little cooler I expect to feel quite fresh.
This is a view of an important occasion
from a very personal standpoint but
the names of visitors, the proceedings & the
occasions & business of the weather here
all been fully discussed in the public
prints & every thing connected with the
A. S. S. justly pronounced to be one
of the most attractive & successful gath-
erings. We made the acquaintance of many
delightful people, foremost among them
are Dr. Rae & Dr. & Mrs. Gray - the former
holds affectionate memories of you & hopes
he may be again in London before your
return to see you. Please don't forget this -
he really means it. Dr. & Mrs. Gilbert whom
you met at Swansea are also kindly folks.
Mr. Bab has left a pressing request for you
to visit him at Washington. He & some others
took an earnest interest in your photos of the

Queen Charlotte Islands. A Mr. Lamburn, a
 wealthy Scientific sailing director presented
 me with a beautiful Mexican opal about
 the size of a small bean. Why - unless he
 admired the girls - I really don't know
 I did nothing for him. & when you ask Joe
 & Carrie they would tell you that a certain
 Prof: - of the Johns Hopkins University was the
 nicest of all - a man in whom I saw no beauty
 that he should be admired. The excursions give
 the best opportunities for making the acquaintances
 of people. We all, except your father,
 joined the one to Lake Memphray on
 Thursday after the mops were over - he going
 up the Ottawa to the Sagone region. Mr. Bailey
 got a car reserved for the elite of the party
 we went by rail to Newpart where a most
 comfortable dinner had been prepared -
 we then went on the steamer where we
 had a delightful time without fatigue
 or noise. & fully enjoyed the beautiful
 scenery enhanced by being shared by
 so many appreciative companions. A great

5th day
of my time was spent in the Company
of Mr. Pea. Prof. Cape. Mr. Lamborn &
Miss Lunn. Again returning to Newport
we had a nice tea with time after-
wards to tidy up & converse about for a
while before re-entering the train where
I thought at was he very quiet after
so long a day - instead we became more
& more social, & sometime after we started
Mr. Chappes (who managed the excursion)
presented the ladies with a Card-board
fan with two kittens on the one side
but the reverse side being plain. I
proposed we sh^d have the autographs
of all our friends inscribed on it. Miss
Lunn producing one of those ink
pens we had quite a pleasant time
in charging autographs. Sybil who had
taken one or two views of the Lake re-
copied two of these to Miss Lunn's & my fan
which makes a pretty little souvenir -
we sat back by eleven o'clock at night

I assure you we look back upon this as a very pleasant day. & I daresay one reason why it stands out in my memory as such is that it was the first on which I had no responsibility, for many of the others enjoyed the whole series. Views of the College buildings - The Reception in the Museum - Papin's library &c have appeared in the "Canadian Illustrated" but your partner though he goes will not be much interested in them. but we have kept copies so you can see them on your return.

I have just had a note from William saying he will home again on Sunday next. He has concluded terms with Mr. Albate, who, if the Mack Commences here, (if there is no reasonable doubt that it will) that he will give him in addition to his salary a small share in the Concern. W. seems pleased with this offer. & expects the settlement to be made this month.

We have not heard from Rankine for a long time but when he wrote last he was going off on a long trip. Papa I am thankful to say is off to Paris for a few days. He has to be in Quebec by the 12th where Carrie & Eva are to join him to show C. the City. Anne & her train return 15th so we begin to look forward to visiting once more. Lovingly
 always
 your affectionate
 mother.