

Monday of a glorious winter
 day. Just going for a
 drive in the Park after
 having for a walk with Mr
 P. Have sent you several
 what sort of night he
 has had. Thompson
 This Army Bre called on
 me last night. So it is
 just beginning to be known
 that I am here.
 I don't ask you - I will
 be writing for S. H. ^{became}
 take so long that it is
 worth to do so. I feel it a duty
 to mention I am sorry to be here
 & do his people & things but in
 the circumstances I can't be helped.
 over being. Warrant

yours including George's I am
 from Anne for which please
 thank her - it was so kind of
 her to write so soon. I came to
 the Mr. Lewis on Friday eve just
 before dinner. A good deal of my
 time before there has been spent
 with the Elliotts but yesterday was
 very gloomy weather & here there was
 much bustle making ready a here

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to be sent to England for times—
 so I gave the forenoon to little
 Pertence Elliott to keep her out of this
 way, altogether I spent an idle day
 but it has not done me. It was a
 different scene at the poor P's house
 Mr P. was particularly troublesome &
 positively refused to sign some official
 papers, necessary to be sent in ducty,
 insisting that they were badly drawn
 out. Tomorrow eve they become frightened
 & sent to ask Mrs M. L. to let this man
 come to sleep in the house. To day
 they have got a hospital orderly attached
 to remain with them till they have
 they have also arranged for a good
 servant-man to go home with them.
 All the time he is quite sane on ordi-
 nary

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Subjects - attended Mr Burns' Church
 this morn & is to come to take me for a
 walk tomorrow morn. at ten. This last
 expedient is the best way in which
 I can help them at present for while
 he is in the house gives Mrs E., who
 begins to look very warm, does not get
 a moment's peace either to speak or even
 to give orders to others. I have not seen
 any one I know near anything of Maligane.
 This week however I hope to have Monday,
 Tuesday & Wednesday without any duty
 work & will go to see some people. On
 Thursday comes the Ep. Auction when I
 propose to buy a few things Malagane with
 like as remembrances of her home & then
 to get these packed & off by Friday noon
 is my plan. I need not say how sorry

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I am not to wait for George, but at this season when the Marchion's, like every one else, are busy with preparations for Christmas it will never do to add the trouble of my having to be helped away at some untimely day or hour. This week's steamer will not be here till Wednesday my business Annus's prospects appear to me to make it my duty, so soon as I finish the business that brought me here, to go home.

I do hope William is getting a little better & begins to look better. Thoughts of his pale face & sad look often pain me. I see clearly that it is much better that he & I. should be separated for the present. The Countess sympathizing she required drained him of all mental & physical vigour. & she tells me that she feels much happier since it has been decided that she will for a time ^{long} share her mother's fortunes.