

Mamma

Ms. A. 9. 2 New York April 2. Sat.

My dear William

I have just received  
your letter written on Thursday  
evening after your trying day  
at the Convention. I know how  
deeply you would feel the dis-  
agreeable conduct of the young  
men & I long to be with you  
again in the hope that I may  
sometimes be able to cheer you  
a little. In the meantime I  
am doing my best to lighten  
your Rankin's marked eyes

He seems to have no settled purpose or hope in his future. However hurrying for at such high marks takes <sup>away</sup> the last chance of ~~winning~~ distinguishing himself <sup>himself</sup> with grace at the Pill. He has taken me to see a great many places here & while occupied seems very ~~stupid~~, but so soon as anything connected with medicine

claims his attention he falls back into his lamentations about the ~~utter~~ stupidity of not having obtained his degree with all the miseries that this entails upon him. Whether he takes an exaggerated view of his situation I do not know but certainly his disappointment is

being deep. I do not know what  
 effect the presence of Campbell & Ogden  
 may have. I think there wd be more  
 hope of R. making some good use  
 of his time here if only Ogden came  
 & they were to begin to study together  
 you know some is idle & fond  
 of amusement & if R were to begin  
 that sort of life - oh how terrible!

On Thursday I shall have been  
 here two weeks & so far as I can  
 judge I do not think my remaining  
 longer would benefit R. so if nothing  
 occurs to lead me to change my pur-  
 pose I shall leave on Thursday next.  
 The \$25. you gave me before I left  
 I think I shall require for purchases  
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4 upon the \$40 but these two sums  
are quite ample I was beyond  
what I shall require for purchases,  
board & travelling expenses. I do not  
know how R stands or what you  
have given him but certainly I do  
not need any more.

Please let all this I tell you about  
R. remain private between us. I trust  
all will work together for his good,  
~~the~~ this is an episode in his life that  
fills me with anxiety. were he only  
submissive & drew Godward all  
well he well, but shd it had to rock his  
mind or mar his irritable character  
may be sadly injured.

The weather is again bright but the  
wind persists in blowing & cold too.

Roberty has mentioned George's  
name. My love to him & to William. &  
Accept the most affectionate love from your  
Margaret