

Mostly about Rankins  
& how he worries the  
family.

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Dearest Mother

I am very  
sorry that so long a time  
has passed without my  
writing, but - the time did  
not seem farthcoming, I wish  
you will be surprised to  
learn that dissatisfaction &  
not-business has been the  
last stroke to this camel.  
Not only several garden  
parties, Mrs. Ansel, Mrs.  
Sara Greenhills & others, but  
actually 2 excursions; for I  
had to go to the hot. Sest. one  
& Adelaide came & asked if  
she could go with me & as papa  
thought not going had felt  
obliged to invest in several  
tickets. I must have been  
joining the party & Florence  
we also took Edith & Eric, who  
were very good. So far a  
rest - as I like far my ribs whatever  
fulgured up to the top of Belmont  
& took two sketches.

it was very pleasant & last-Saturday we went to come to pay a long promised visit - to the Isaac Gibbes - The children one, & all had been urgently invited, so we took the 4 older ones - & even Keble put her best - conduct - on with her best - clothes, & expect very earnestly asking for every planter in the garden, not seriatim, she was very good. The day was perfect - we left early & were at - Combe from 10 till 3 of - & then dace again - It is pleasant to look back upon, & the Gibbes such excellent & admirable people. They of the very high Church - but the farms & are illuminated with a N. like life - & that makes all the difference.

As to my being in any way a great - Gainer by being in your place I doubt - it even as a child I remember being oppressed by the large residuum of disappointment - or weariness that remained after any set-pleasure-seeking & was <sup>not</sup> lessened with experience - While I do think that I have largely mastered the secret of enjoying every passing phase of nature, or my



Benward too will not be able to learn  
them easily - partly because of the lateness of the  
month people engaged on that news laboriousness, the  
partly because he is going up to take reference  
with George - to give a geological discussion  
for the C. M. H. - the news of their will - with  
unpublished contracts - B. is very glad to be  
the country there at an expense - of course  
he will not have his vessels - B. is ready to  
visit all for him - then he has to go to  
New York - to see something concerning his  
charities, & that will be pleasant to  
success if he sees one to him - Benward has  
along of several things to the members of his  
old friends - I hope he will get through  
one of them in his visit at - once - has I believe  
to go to Paris - however the 21st of all go out  
& then he can take the record, which says  
how when the house will be about 1/2  
of it - has to spend most days in town &  
will have to find for himself - I don't

think the household will go very well after I leave as Annie is the only one I can leave, other plans having fallen through, but they will have to do their best as well as they can & being now plenty of fruit & a confidencer was for cakes & pies & deservy they wont mind puddings & extras.

I thought in face of so many uncertainties I had better go to Nuts & secure supplies there, as I fear the hotel will make a great difference in that way.

All the young ones have been well & we have had no great heat so far. I expect to be comfortable this summer, as Kate is really an excellent good girl, with plenty of "go" in her & Lillie likes her better than Annie & has really a good feeling to us all now. I think I shall get her a place in a S. P. hospital in fall - she has sent in applications to two, by my advice.

Hettie has gone to Mrs. (Mrs.) Mackays where I think she will be all right & I told Mrs. M. - she was returning to you in

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Sept. - Annie Simpson has  
left her braises very much  
is too hard - her B - says her  
breaking & laxness were un-  
bearable - she required an  
hour or two to lie on her  
back & rest the news in the  
afternoon - she went to Mrs  
B. & are B says as cook, was  
there a week & another lady  
came to ask about her, I think  
she has now gone to some of  
the Skelton family - but can  
not see - she quite wanted  
to go back to you, when last  
I saw her - but I think you  
w<sup>d</sup> be well rid of her - she  
will never be trained except  
on the surface, I fear -

As to Rankine it is very  
difficult to know what to  
do or say - I was sorry to  
receive back a long letter I  
had written to him - wh. went  
to the dead letter owing to the  
extinction of the Grafton St-Club  
I had intended it to reach  
him a little before you ar-  
rived, & on receiving it, I still  
thought it as good as I c<sup>d</sup>  
say to him, & so attached paper

whom I see I get either - beneath his  
arrangement - matters, he is worried in respect  
making inquiries, etc. - only make him make  
itself present but - any other respects him - I mean  
this in regard to his future, his abilities, ~~his~~  
& making his way etc. - I find it very  
difficult to give any advice - first it is very  
unclear the two suggestions above - I do not  
think to pretty fully express your own  
feelings on occasions - exactly believing  
as aiming advice at him but as a  
do I do - my idea is not I do not think  
this is that - it is in the way most likely  
reach him - I feel often, how about  
I pass believe is, who adopts modern  
methods, very one pass to general & really  
As this is a strong resolution, his own, I  
no chance of hearing, or feeling, his  
people at - him between I live - I  
I hope making much of him - I certainly  
whatsoever change in state give him - do I see  
after

to renew it - I tried to appeal to him  
from what I knew to be a soft spot in his  
heart - his affection for you, & to let him see  
how necessary, a lack of confidence as to his  
views, & our financial life must be trying  
to you - I wish I had been true to my  
copy to you, for it - saw that any one to read  
why that seemed to me ~~nothing~~, I was  
between ~~books~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~books~~ <sup>books</sup> ~~again~~, I was ~~thinking~~  
that will be more difficult - but he thought  
you of telling tales - I still fancy that  
simply convince, rather than merit ~~that~~  
is the root of much of his ~~weakness~~ - & I  
wrote that you may excuse upon a very  
strong personal affection for you & your  
it - for granted it every thing to me, may be  
or rather speak freely as I see, may be  
I a special line for him I should ~~in~~ ~~aggravate~~  
I a pleasure in his career - I should ~~in~~ ~~aggravate~~  
I saw plainly in him while with me, was ~~at~~



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they meet - when papa can give  
me all the benefit of his ideas  
without - having previously  
been annoyed by his "don't care"  
ways, & availed of lack of purpose.  
I might try & guard N. against  
provoking papa, recalling his  
burden of cares & daily worries -

Anything wd be better than a  
rupture of any kind. but - I scarcely  
think you need fear that, if  
papa keeps as reasonable as he  
now seems - I do think your idea  
that to be thrown back upon him-  
self without you to tell any way  
to without - restraint - has been  
good for him.

There is still some talk  
of the Mc Donalds going to Eng-  
land but it is uncertain  
& depending upon business affairs  
Miss Mc D. is however evidently in  
a quiet - way arranging her home  
& matters to pass the time -  
I fear from Will's report - &  
what Dr Wilson said to papa  
that Lybel is in very poor  
health - & from letters from  
herself she seems to have found  
it almost - impossible to struggle  
against - the sense of loss in her  
home - but she is better now  
& is to go to the White Hills in  
a few weeks -  
I don't think I shall  
write again till I get to Aunt's

unless a scrap for some object  
especially if it goes off, I shall  
be busy though I shall do  
well enough. I am only afraid  
that Papa will fuss himself  
on my behalf - wh. will be  
unnecessary - I have already  
got my own box & one of  
miscellaneous articles packed.

Today we have a  
heavy storm pouring rain  
a change from the perfect  
weather of late -

George was glad  
Saturday & left this morning.  
He looks well & seems inter-  
actively interested in affairs  
since he has been in charge.  
He must be working hard  
this little Superior trip will  
prove superior, I hope for  
him -

I hope they wont buy  
Deluzo, if they do surely they  
will not quit the courtly  
Mac Cairn. I tell papa he ought  
to dine at Windsor as a  
special honour & then retire  
into private life & digest his  
glories - yours lovingly  
I have destroyed  
your so kind  
many - Anne -