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My dear Mother,

Yours of June 13th,
addressed to the Foreign Office,
reached me a day or two ago.
You will notice that I am still
in Paris, but the progress of
events seems to indicate that I may
be able to get away next week,
perhaps early in the week. As
the matter is still indefinite, I
have been unable to engage a
passage on any particular ship, but
if I can connect with a good vessel
I shall try to return by the St Lawrence
& may be able to pay you a visit at

Notes. The landing there is long enough, but it is difficult to deal with ones luggage, which, if you leave it on board, the Company does not feel responsible for. Last time I had some difficulty in finding my things when I got to Montreal.

My stay in Paris has really been very pleasant, but I regret having lost so much of the summer. I shall of course have to spend a day or two in Sweden & will see Rankine there, but if Swa is still at Holyhead it is possible that I may not be able to visit her. Yesterday some of us went down to Pierrefonds, about two hours by rail,

Stayed there all night, & returned
to Paris this evening. There is a
remarkable old Chateau at
Parepays, which has been
completely restored by Napoleon III
at an expense of some 5 million
francs, & stands now as far
as possible in precisely its
original condition. This is the
chief attraction of the place, but it
is very pretty besides & on the
way back we drove some miles through
the forest of Compeigne. Weather
cool & showery.


I am very sorry to hear that
Eric is laid up with Rheumatism

a can only hope ⁴ that he will have
 returned fully before this.

The Gazette giving an account of
 Foster's return was a plan for not
 reached me, though you indicated it
 as sent. I have no doubt that the
 plan you have decided on is the best
 in consideration of all the circumstances,
 with which I am of course not fully
 informed. It is certainly very trying
 to have to leave the old house, & I
 really do not know what you will do
 with all the stuff which has accumulated
 there, some of which I regret to say I
 am responsible for. It will not
 seem quite the same coming to
 Amherst when the College is no longer
 home. Still I do not see how
 otherwise it could have been

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Arranged to relieve Foster of
his work & permit him to devote
his time to such matters as he
may wish to work at, & I hope that
it may turn out that so that he
may enjoy well earned repose &
comfort after his many years of work.

Yours
Sears.