

Rideau Club,  
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My dear Walter,

Many thanks for  
your kind note of Friday,  
recd. this morning, by which  
I am glad to know that matters  
are progressing with their  
accustomed quiet at Nictu's.  
After a respite, the weather is  
beginning to be hotter again  
here, but so far nothing to  
complain of. I hope that the  
warmer weather may be favourably  
influencing your garden & that  
it may soon respond to your

anticipations.<sup>2</sup> — If I can  
be of any special use at meeting  
at any time, please let me know  
& I will try to run down for  
a short visit. At present, my  
business seems to anchor  
me here till the meeting of the  
British Association begins  
on the 7<sup>th</sup> of next month. Then  
I shall be closely bound at  
Toronto for a week, & the  
chance seems to be that I may  
have to go out to Vancouver  
with a special party of  
Excursionists afterwards;  
that is, providing something  
does not prevent my being



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away of the time. I would enjoy a trip of  
the kind, but for the feeling of responsibility which  
must pervade it if I go under the circumstances.  
It is not particularly pleasant to be a referee  
for anything.

I sent a book to Anna today called "With  
Edged Tools", which is a good story with  
lots of go about it; a few might enjoy reading  
it. of course it is very improbable & all

that sort of thing, but that does not particularly  
matter. "America & the Americans" I  
found interesting, because on the whole it  
seemed to be very fair as a note book &  
criticism. Do not forget to tell me how  
the garden progresses!

Yours  
George.

