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My dear George

I have only a very few minutes left to write a few hurried lines to you. Papa is going to mail this on his way to his lecture at the Medical School & he has to leave shortly.

I have no letters from you to acknowledge - your last was to Anna & papa. It is almost an equal pleasure as they kindly share the contents with all. Whenever of us receive a letter from you it is usually first read alone but after Anna or the day it is received it is read aloud to all of course & Anna omits passages that we may consider

unsuitable or confidential. I wish
we could devise a plan by which
we could ascertain what our
& Amos says to you. We are all
so busy we do not seem to have
time to talk about it - do I fear
you get sometimes the same news
from more than one. I am
disappointed when the Canadian
packet arrives without bringing
a letter from you. We know so much
more certainly about the time of its
arrival & getting papers makes the absence
of letters more felt. I gave you a suggestion
about this in my last which I shall
be glad if you think best to accept.
Last Canadian mail we had
no letter from you.
I am very anxious to hear from you

how well the festival came off. She
herself looked remarkably well. & so did
her dress. It was gold tissue over her
grey silk with blue trimmings. & a gold
wreath in her hair. Miss wore white
silk with blue. & looked charming.
I had a long time to talk to the Prince
at supper & afterwards. He is very popular
with everyone. Especially so. I think.

Last evening papa, William & I went
to the Methodist Church to hear Mr. Punshon
deliver his lecture on "The Pilgrim's Progress."
It was delightful to listen to his beautiful
elocution & his carefully prepared discourses
but one carried away no more knowledge
of Bunyan or his works than the commonest
of his hearers would afford. The tickets were
2/6 & the Church was filled.

Do you know that Rev. Donald Fraser
of whom I am a great admirer has accepted
a Church in London. Marbleton. I think
he must be there now. Is Spurgeon's very
far from you, "home" Do try to go sometimes

I should I go to London I should very
much like to see him & the wonderful
improvement that struck such an abiding impression
upon Japan. Papa is quite reassured
busy but has now written the last part of
his geological text book & the greater
part of the map so one hopes that piece
of work which has proved to be most
laborious is nearly at an end. if he
could but get to his Devonian plants altho'
he does work hard it is pleasant to him

There is a scheme on hand just now
to sell the High School to the School Commis-
sioners & free the University of the responsibility
& cost. Papa is very anxious to get it do dis-
posed of: meeting & occupy time at present.
There is another succession of private interviews
going on with Geological & Government men
about the establishment of a Science School
The Government have promised a grant
for this purpose to the Geological Survey to
try to cut out the Colleges which has so
long been working in the hope of accomplishing
this. It is very trying to dear Papa & disquits

him more & more with Canada
He earnestly wishes he could find
some congenial work in England.
Sir W. Ligon is very anxious to work
amicably with the College as far as possible
& so is Mr. Ligon who is now installed
as successor to Sir W. as director of the Survey
Sir W. L. intends to go to London about
the time that paper does.

Another scheme is to get a new
building erected for the Medical faculty
All these things occupy time.

Mr. Leach who is very kind
in inquiring for you sends his
very kindest regards.

I wish to write more
but am cut short.

William who has just come
wishes me to send his love

I am going to address an invitation
to the Festivals I got. John Cunningham
is to be for 1870.

I have not time to read this

ours, & as I do not graduate as
I glory I fear you will have
difficulty in making sense of it.

Accept my warmest love.

My daily prayers ascend for you &
that for which I pray most earnestly
I trust will soon be answered.

Yours Very loving
Mother