

tremendous snow storms here. but the papers  
 will record that. I was last Saturday  
 early for the season comes off on  
 Saturday. I will enclose for  
 your last letter received only  
 yesterday, ten days overdue!  
 I have told you. Have I not. That  
 we have Laura Hamerton  
 that I wish us. She has got  
 to be will gain returning  
 to what in Company of the plays  
 my meeting a great variety of music  
 done. Yes, my dear George - both  
 your affection & 3 1/2 %  
 Another

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Calling & introducing me to  
 acknowledge & thank you for  
 your welcome letter of February 4<sup>th</sup>  
 in which you confirm your  
 intention of commissioning me  
 to expend the large sum of \$400 or 500.  
 I present to a few days ago  
 wrote telling you what I had done

kept busy. I have had

Herbert

about silver spoons, now I  
 will take these as my present &  
 Consider your decision as final,  
 altho' both Papa & I think it too large  
 a sum for you to give, especially  
 as we are doing a great deal for  
 Anna. Did I tell you we are giving  
 them our house rent-free for the  
 first year & at £120. for three years.  
 & in addition to a large handsome  
 trousseau \$3000. is settled upon A. before  
 marriage. \$1000. of which is at present  
 loaned to W. H. to furnish with, as he  
 had locked up what he had accumu-  
 lated in two building lots which Papa

advised him not to sell until  
business revives, which with many  
other minor advantages will we  
think give her the lion's share unless  
Eva takes as long to deliberate upon  
her choice as it has, in which case  
we may be able to accumulate  
again. You may be sure I will  
do my very best to get value for your  
money & with Mr. H's knowledge of  
tone &c I trust we will succeed in  
getting a superior instrument. I now  
you must at once send me a note  
of presentation to A. in case I should  
soon meet with a suitable piano.  
The house is nearly finished & some  
furniture - a music stand bought at

at a manufacturer's sale being one  
of the articles, being now stored there  
so that we have now no difficulty as  
to where to put things.

There is great excitement at the Lurgy  
about getting all things off to Philadelphia. Mr.  
Richardson goes in charge & Selwyn follows  
later.

You are a dear good old fellow to give  
the folks in Victoria a lecture. What was  
the subject? We have been told you were  
going to give a Course to the Mechanics Inst<sup>n</sup>  
there; did you? I <sup>was</sup> with you when I  
was of the dear wee chisels, the whin  
& broom. R. has had another rather bad  
cold but is mending, he looks very thin but  
the seams are so near that it is of no use asking  
him to relax study. James further too is pretty tired.  
No one longs for the end of each session more  
than I do. "but such is life". as dear Sophie says.