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My dear George—

I so fully intended
to write to you at the same
time I last wrote to Rankine
that I did not even send
my love to you, & after being
interrupted, the days following
have been fully occupied & let
slip just, so that rather in
disparation I am going to write
a mere apology lest an opportunity
of reaching you should be missed.
I have just come down stairs

from hanging two pictures in
 your room having appropriated
 some that were there for my im-
 proved bandbox, this being the
 last touch to our cleaning & alter-
 ations, & which, from pressure in
 other directions, has lain over for
 two or three weeks. Saddy I hope to
 begin preparations for Fetic. & as
 to be packed up & ready to attend
 to William, whose good ship
 "Maravian" is due by Monday
 next. Papa has been absent a
 week in Nova Scotia - I. J. J. J. J.
 & I have just received a telegram
 saying to expect him tomorrow. On
 the 25th he & Eva intend to leave for

Boston, from thence to Halifax
 & again to the Jaggins, & direct from
 thence to Antis. Immediately on our ar-
 rival he has to go to Toronto to show
 himself as a Candidate for the Chair
 of Engineering there. I am counting
 upon his leaving Montreal on the
 26th ^{Jan} making my arrangements
 to close the house & leave the same
 night for Antis, which journey I
 the opening of the College. I have
 to undertake quite alone. Anna
 talks of following me early in July
 & I hope W. will spend at least
 part of the summer with us.

One day early this month as I
 was coming up the port steps a
 young lady in a Carriage just passing

kissed his hand again & again
 to me in a most loving manner.
 Then disappeared round towards
 Mrs Baynes. A moment's reflection
 decided me to follow her as I knew
 Mrs B. was out, & a second glimpse
 of the occupant of the Carriage brought
 Annie Bamard's child face to mind,
 altho' now developed into woman's
 gravity. She is little of stature, extremely
 slight & fragile looking - not at all
 pretty but has acquired a stylish manner
 & immense fund of wally talk. She seems
 to be well up in good reading & to have
 an interest in literature generally, that
 I should never have ventured to predict
 as in the future of her Character.
 She likes living in the Joseph very
 much, I think you might visit
 them there, as you pass to & fro so often

It is only 70 miles from Omaha
on a side railway. She has gone
to spend the summer with her
grandfather in some part of
the U. S.

If my memory serves me aright
we had heard of William's high
standing before I last wrote to Ran-
kin, but we have only lately got
the official statement, & very flattering
notices of his position have appeared
in several of the newspapers. W's marks
are 3-311. Miraneseo's 3-168. Smithawok's
3-150. I do so in a descending scale. On
Friday evening Eva & I were at a gar-
den party at Mrs J. H. R. Malson's, in de-
fault of Peter's families & all his sons -
Mr. Mc Donald stood in the back
room you.

I escorted Era & I there & back. It
 was a lovely, warm, full-mooned
 evening, & this beautiful ground
 plentifully illuminated with crimson
 & green railway lamps, besides many
 Chinese lanterns & an immensely power-
 ful reflected light thrown upon the
 door-steps, with sweet strains of music
 from a band, & the fairly dressed
 company flitting here & there amongst
 the trees or chatting in groups in
 the sky-rot rooms was a really
 beautiful sight, & as we knew
 the greater number of the people it
 was not only beautiful but very
 enjoyable. But all this was apropos
 of telling you that it was the occasion
 of my receiving an ovation of

Congratulations upon William's
success. I was quite surprised
to find men like Walpole &
Thomas - W. Campbell &c talk as if
it was a kind of Cause for national
regarding. Hoelish Mother's - says
Miss George. how can you be so
easily flattered! - No such thing
there is a great deal more of the
milk of human kindness in the hearts
of many we coldly pass by than is
generally supposed. & I wish from
this circumstance to learn myself
& to teach my children - to manifest
this kind feeling & to influence
others to do so likewise. "Civility ^{it is said}
costs us little & gives us much". but
true kindness expressed makes both

The girls & the acines better
& happier.

Anna & holy are quite well,
with Bernard, they have spent
a week at St. Andrews. pleasantly.

I try to put away from me
fears that sometimes will intrude
about you & Rankine, & think I suc-
ceed but I cannot controul dreams
& I often do fancy you in the most
desperate circumstances. My great
solace is in continually commending
you to Him who controuls minds & knows
My god acknowledge ^{Highly} as your
father lovingly guiding ^{your} your life & all
will be well. My best love to Rankine
I shall be so glad ^{to} be comforted if an
opportunity, or rather opportunities occur of hear-
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