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Dear George

Both by the papers &  
private rumors we have heard  
that the long anticipated changes in  
the Survey have been settled, & again this  
has been contradicted, so there was  
until Sunday when paper received  
reverses your note did we know  
which statement to believe. Now with  
very sincere pleasure I congratulate you  
on your well deserved promotion, & thank  
you for the great gratification it gives  
me in seeing my eldest son held in  
such universally high esteem. Doubtless



new responsibilities will bring additional  
 cares, but this may be balanced by  
 buoyancy of hope & the pleasure of independent  
 work that will, I trust, lead to increased  
 usefulness in the work of the Society.  
 We were all of us very sorry to hear that  
 the error had been made in such a  
 bungling way, making matters embarrassing  
 both to the delay & journey & preventing  
 either of you from acting in a dignified  
 or courteous manner. but such gaffes  
 occur & after that I suppose are ought  
 not to attract much importance to them.

May I earnestly recommend that the  
 new team may not be pined too energetically.  
 that you may make haste slowly, accumu-  
 lating some reserve of strength for the



of the future. It will be no small  
 pleasure to us to have the opportunity of  
 giving you our good wishes personally,  
 but to show you that we will rather  
 help than add to your labours, I am  
 not going to urge a visit. I am sure  
 you will come as soon as you can.

Today I had a letter from Parkins. He  
 writes in good spirits again as he  
 has the prospect of an engagement to his  
 liking - that of accompanying some wealthy  
 & influential people to the Riviera & Mediterranean  
 for three or four months. I find these  
 are causes of his recent depression were  
 the delay in getting payment for the Turkish  
 so that he doubted if he will ever get it.  
 & with no immediate prospect of work  
 he was straitened & filled with fears.



He lives a very trying life of extremes.

Clara arrived home today looking  
I think better for the change she has had.  
She is going to stay with us for a few  
days & then going to Mrs J. H. R. Malson.  
Ruth goes on satisfactorily. She has been  
out of bed yesterday & today but requires  
close watching to avoid sudden movements  
& has to eat only soft & easily digested food.  
She will not, even under favourable cir-  
cumstances, be able to go to school for some  
weeks but she too expects to join Clara at  
Mrs Malson's. Eric is much the same. His  
throat continues more troublesome.

I now dear George with renewed labours  
kind wishes that you may find  
may prove a useful one to Canada & a  
happy one to yourself I am as ever  
your affectionate  
Mother