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Wednesday

Dearst George

It is of no use my apologizing
for delay in writing or trying to explain
what caused this - one or two circumstances
mt. be told but these wot. after all, not give
the chief reasons. This silence at the present
time, savours much of ingratitude when
you were so thoughtful & kind as to send
me Rankin's letter, wh: quite surprised
me & I am full of gratitude to you as it
shows how consideredly you had
written to him & those - he has quite power to
write a salus - sense letter & restrain ones much
gumbling

I encourage you to hope that - some day!
 Meantime I am really thankful to you
 for keeping a keener eye on him - for if any
 thing more than another is likely to affect
 him favorably it is the fact that his
 relatives continue their interest in his welfare.
 & that it will give us all pleasure to see
 him more settled - more contented & more
 happy. In a recent letter, dated May 10th, he
 tells me that he has made another engage-
 ment, for a second cruise, with a Lord
 Ardilaun, brother of the gentleman with
 whom he has been best. Starting about
 the end of this month. Erskine's letters here,
 for the past three weeks, reached me at
 irregular intervals - whether he had mail

must arrive as on acct^s of her hearing
 changed her day of parting I do not know.
 However her last tells of all being well.
 In it she asks urgently that I will send
 her your full autograph signature - a
 thing I do not do as you habitually use one
 of Christian name in writing home. So
 will you be so kind as send her
 what she desires to abide a priest, & if
 nothing more say what your pastor has
 an getting similar requests. "I am not in
 the habit of sending my autograph. yours
 Ever proposes to get it! J. W. Hanson."
 Halstead by me June. her address there is -
 Seatons Haus. Halstead. I think your
 pastor's trip to Ottawa was a pleasant
 variety for him & sent him back refreshed

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I enjoyed our trip to Quebec. Although
 Careless ness on my part brought me
 back with a Croup, wh: assumed an
 influenzal type. I have not found it
 easy to believe people who say they have
 had influenza many times during a given
 time, now I shall not be so sceptical
 & I shall also try to be more watchful
 against prostrations & I wish you too
 wd join me & treat ^{yourself} thirte wigans on the
 earliest symptoms of a Common Cold.
 Course has been carefully examined
 by Dr Stewart, & he finds that a narrow
 rim around the left lung is filled with
 fluid, wh: is being slowly absorbed, but

if this process does not soon go on more
 rapidly he advises ^{the} the lung abs. he
 pierced. Meantime he is bright, active
 & able to go out even during the coldest
 weather we have here - with constant
 care as to clothing *surpajac* &c. The
 baby's excreta has improved. At times we
 shall but until C is in better case. Can
 make no active move in the matter
 of Metis which seems desirable, but
 he does early for the benefit of these
 children who have had whooping
 cough. With Inuenza *atitidey* or
 any such occasion temp. gave her
 & shall me very far it is so much
 more a favour to us than a hindrance.

for you besides I trust you love
 to bring you as often as the time
 can be spared & this is rarely likely
 to occur. With renewed & sincere
 thanks for your kindness. believe me to be
 your affectionate

Mother