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Good advice to Rankine!  
Mamma too careful of money  
Papa too laish - Sir Wm Tredont

Dearest - Rankine,

Your letter has followed me here. I only arrived last night - & after a busy day, was delighted to have a little of you to bear me company, only wish I could see you down on the other side of the ever hot stove wh. has a birch wood fire, & have a chat. In the course of wh. I wd certainly complain that you had dealt hardly with me, in calling my remarks "theoretical". My dear fellow if any one was ever obliged to be practical not only from morning till night - but often from night - till morning it is my dear humble servant I have no leisure, or high or

get a second prize - I was more than  
any of the others & better still I think he has  
a steady hand here, I want to give him  
his - with his pencil, & perfect his English  
reading - he already reads pretty well, has just  
finished reading Swiss Family Robinson &  
wt. he read himself - I read you a letter  
I write & you better I write than of course  
they make a nice little pair - Ruth is a  
very charming child.

I am sorry that you have been  
amused by mother's speech - Economy it is the  
outcome of a long life of always  
thinking too little of herself &  
never expresses also as you know  
she is a necessity to pay her  
you know! but - hope you have not  
been leaving

lonely place, or any earthly  
temptation to theorize, I can  
only work out of the daily  
churning what better of  
philosophy I may, but by no  
means attempt to reverse the  
process & begin with the phil.  
osophy.

I thank you very much  
for your advice abt Edith  
as it quite runs with my  
own ideas it must be good.  
I doubt the cutting being nec-  
essary at least at present &  
constant salt & alum gargles  
seem to have been very useful,  
the child seems outgrowing  
the tendency to sore throat too  
has had much less of late. <sup>Yours</sup>  
I hope the sea air will work  
its usual wonders for her -  
I don't think I molly 'Eric  
much, last year he was out  
in a largeish punt - a great  
deal, with another boy who  
was steady & kept within the  
prescribed limits - Eric is inclined  
to be a little soft, though ex-  
ceedingly intelligent & thoughtful  
he has done very well at school

his hair - old - mamma trying to be economical  
in London; & mother seems to be under the im-  
pression that - you don't want to take them along  
& only sacrifice yourself. It - seemed a good op-  
portunity for me to see a little more than at  
home - however, papa will quite console you  
when he goes out for he has very large family  
ways of acting & it is here though - his way in  
have annoyed you more than the other, & really  
at - last - papa was like to save up, though I think  
think he is if he had the whole society of  
University life is too much for him, & must  
be well well out - of it - & he was rather  
down & he doing a little better, however he  
will be in at once - though I suppose he was  
no punition, as anything of the sort -  
has to do - really you don't suppose that you are  
~~the~~ only one who has to meet - duties that make

Both my domestics are <sup>to make</sup> <sup>new</sup>  
Still the cook is a capital girl  
I will I am sure be much more  
effective than the former helpess  
have had here - There are very  
few people here as yet - but the  
new hotel & Ostia's reparation  
look inviting to the general public  
I shall with much pleasure in  
unpacking the parcel - that is one of  
the pleasures that still cling to me  
in older days. The children will  
be thinking often of it. I indeed  
you keep loving remembrance  
ever alive in their minds by your  
continued thought of them

Victor is getting on splen-  
didly. Florence is going to Sant  
as I recollect - where it will con-  
go and - each night - she is to  
board in a nice little cottage -  
the owner a childless wife whose  
husband is away - so I think  
prospects are good for her

one ill, & heart-sick in the  
doing, I think life teaches  
one to be content with asking  
only, is it-duty or not; & then  
go on, & through whatever is  
before one - & as to other  
people, each one can only be  
happy according to his or her  
own nature, & it is not best  
to help them in their own way  
rather than invent a new one  
they will not & cannot follow.

Old Mr. Turner is gone  
a good old man who has  
faithfully followed  
God since he was a youth in  
his teens - Miss Lane will feel  
a great-blank in her life.

Now I am too sleepy  
to write more

Lovingly

Anna

I have not written to  
mother this week, but hope to do  
so next time. I am still only  
partly unpacked, & the larger  
children are in a lawless con-  
dition owing to the whole change.