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Dearest Annie,

My belated birthday letter
came on Tuesday morn. The 8th, & you don't
know what a very warm thrill it gave
me when I had fully accepted the
fact that I was to have none. It
brought a very different kind of tears to
my eyes from those miserable ones of
Saturday - but it did not bring immu-
nity from aches & pains & between backache
and other pains & a bad headache &
the climax, the day did not end well.
But the next morning the box of tea
came - quite safe - & with it that
delightful word & I had the happiest
day I have had in a very long time -
I had slept soundly after a night's pain.

② The night before I had waked up
feeling really refreshed & remembering
my letter of the day before, which
with all its unsatisfactoriness I
felt in the whole quite satisfactory,
so I determined to take advantage
of the freshness & read your MS.
I read it from half past 9 to half past
12, except for the little while the Doctor
was here, I began it again at lunch &
read on until I felt I must stop. So I
went to the little Museum in the
Baths of Diocletian where the young
Baruch & the Boxer & the Mendelssohn
(Playing less than 1/2 hr.)
fine new discoveries are & then with the
Church of Sta. Maria degli Angeli (also in
the Baths) to rest for a little while then to
the Ch. of Sta. Maria del Popolo & then back
to the Mtg until my teacher arrived
and then the rain, dinner was over
I established myself in the lounge


with it & finished it before I went ⁽³⁾
Wed - At the end it falls off, but it
is the most delightful novel I have read
in years - I wonder whether it will be
his one big or whether these good things
will follow - He writes so charmingly
that one feels as if they must & yet it
seems impossible that he can ever again
get hold of such an original idea, or
rather of such an original adaptation
of ideas that the air is full of -
What a contrast to the work of Turgenev!

Thank you so much for such a birthday
gift - It so seldom happens now that
one is really charmed with joyful-
ness by a new writer, and the ^{was} ~~is~~
a very pleasant sort of luxuriance
sublimeness of you & your
pleasure in it all through the reading.
I drink some of your best in the

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afternoon, but such as I enjoy it would
be nights to last me so much —
Sunday a. m.

In the midst of my lesson, yr. cable
came with its news of what I suppose
must have been a compromise — Mr.
Gibson's election, or acceptance ^{of him by the Board} — or
whatever one can call it of course is
not a surprise, for I do not see how they
could have expected him to stay unless
he was admitted when he had made
such a point of it — Graham Bowdoin I
suppose is the compromise candidate
instead of Laurie Kipps + I suppose there
will be worse, but whose leadership is
he under? I should suppose he will be dead
opposite any policy of liberalism towards
women — from his traditions, but Henry
Bowdoin seems to be not illiberal
in his views — but a Bowdoin + Graham
Bowdoin combination is not to be feared!

Of course you will write me all about it. I've secured so certain  about Mr. Dixon's election after his having been made Pres. of the Hospital Board, that it was a decided disappointment that he was not elected & from the fact of the place not being filled at all I judge there must have been a regular fight - Mr. G. has certainly played his cards well in getting himself in before the last vacancy is filled - One thing can be scored against his favor - he said not a disagreeable about the Medical School, as you feared he might, & if the Sun reported him correct - that he said sounding as if, or rather being susceptible of the construction, that he accepted the situation - but he is not to be trusted & the Sun tells us as if a voice not to be trusted at any moment -

Thanks for the pamphlet wh. also came last. I see he calmly puts the Fair Cop fund down at \$20,000 less than the actual amount

① By Mr. Gouin in his statement
What a misfortune it wd be to have
Mr. Kelsen go, & yet the temptation must
be very strong one, & he lived in the
West for some 10 or 12 years without some of
the things that wd make western life a
constant source of irritation ^{to the many who had them} - How
very well that Mr. Siddings stayed by you.
I wonder whether you can keep Mr. Smyth.
It is very hard that the competition
question shd be such a constant difficulty
and yet I suppose it is a very healthy
sign that abstractly one might rejoice
in. I do not wonder that you were
exasperated at the lack of commensurate
aid to the scarlet fever cases - I hope the
quarantining was not too late - it wd be
dreadful to have it spread.

Afternoon - My head ached horribly
I go on & on. I can only take time to
tell you before the mail goes that

I told my handmaiden - yest. aft. that
I had decided to make a change &
did not enjoy the interview - I shall
do it here, as I really do not feel as
if I'd stand starting off with her
again - This important piece of
domestic news is not a very inter-
esting thing to end with, is it? -
I am sorry to end you such a
wretched letter - I went out for 2
hours this aft. hoping to lose my
headache, but delphful as San
Clemente was with its tower ch.
illumined - it did not accom-
plish it. The Barber's visit to New S.C.
was all I did -

Shall I confess to still being young
enough to like getting the Russis for
the year's sack me - Love yours
G. M. S.