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My dear —

Such a tiny little note this may  
and so far with else, but I hope  
it may still come — Is it not too bad  
about Uelen — & was it not a very sweet  
note from her? I do hope I shall be able  
to let her later, but I always feel as if  
there were so much uncertainty about  
things that I do not dare to give an  
invitation — I'm going ahead — besides the  
same reason will make her decline it  
now, but perhaps after a few weeks  
things may look a little differently to  
her — Well, I have just had an  
hour of visits, just Mrs. Koserelbo  
her mother & her, remember at St.  
Ulberke & then Mrs. Godkin w. Mrs.  
Godkin's card, & I could not have



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had them on an afternoon when I felt  
duller — This morn I woke up with  
a cold & as it was certain there  
I waited until after 11<sup>th</sup> in order  
not to risk a repetition of my last  
experience w. them, & then took a  
capsule — It has worked like a charm  
as far as the cold is concerned, but  
after lunch I made myself com-  
fortable in a bed room & established  
myself on the lounge with a pile of  
things to do in Mrs. H's affair, and  
in a few moments snip had to  
go to sleep. The Opium has not  
come me — I was waked by a re-  
minders knock at 4 w. Mrs. H. <sup>scarcely</sup>  
and now have begun my letter  
lest I sh<sup>d</sup> be wakened again —  
The opera last night bored me.  
It was in the first place so far




deficient in the passion that ex-  
possesses the play & in the second place  
while Mr James & de Keszke say  
their best apparently & while she  
has great beauty, they both acted  
like sticks or rather acted not  
at all but addressed their most  
passionate protestations in the  
old & approved manner to the  
audience, so I remember of the  
last second when at each they  
usually, & then with her beauty & her  
voice leave me absolute & cold  
and she is so very awkward  
and her hands and arms and  
hips are so ugly - I hoped she had  
improved since London in act,  
but not one particle - I have seen  
no criticism of her in this at  
least I can remember none, so  
that I may be well pleased here.



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I've heard her and liked her did  
you not that time? What was it  
I am looking forward to hearing  
him over with much pleasure &  
hope it may justify it. Melba  
sang - My first visitors were  
me this afternoon - & the second who  
paid a long visit did not interest  
me much - She talked of pictures  
and by the way quoted your remark  
<sup>a met. Vanderberg gallery</sup>  
(in disagreement) about the sadness  
of feeling that all those - The Henry  
<sup>at the time of the</sup> landscape that I imagined  
must die before the impressionist  
of music, of St. Gaudens medals  
&c., but said nothing with regard  
to remembering, as I am very  
sure I did not - Mrs. G. indeed  
does not care to cultivate me perhaps  
nearly as she said nothing about  
her day in asking me to come to her.



I have had my pieces of depressing  
 domestic news - one that William's  
 wife has by phineas  ever - poor woman  
 with a baby only 3 weeks old - so that  
 arrangements had to be made for  
 Cain to watch at present &c., &  
 the other that the respectable woman  
 who has been in the kitchen at  
 Montebello since the one who was  
 left is so sick that she has to give  
 up & for Mr Johns to put in for treat-  
 ment - old Mrs. Wolfe certainly is not  
 successful in finding good women,  
 but neither is it easy to find one  
 who is content to stay out there in  
 the country in such a quiet house  
 month in & month out -

I finished my letter to Aunt H. &  
 said a few lines to Clara Brooks, &c.  
 before going to the Doctor's this morn-  
 ing - he measured my back & thinks he  
 can have the brace ready within  
 a few days - & hopes it may



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gave great relief, although he repeated  
that & emphasized that it was an  
experimental & might result  
in nothing — He got he thinks 25  
letters in quite well & he thinks they  
a month more will probably be  
long enough, although I rather  
understand that he got it out just  
well to stay as long as he is here,  
i.e. until Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> — For many I  
don't think he'd need a rest after  
a writer of such work — On the  
way back p. him I stopped for about  
15 min. to see the Wyant pictures  
then went to Mary, & stayed in to  
work all the afternoon with the  
result you know —

Thanks so much for the books that  
came this morn'g & for the letters you  
enclosed wh. came just before  
dinner last night so that I read



New at dinner -

What did you think of Miss  
Andrews' letter? Didn't it come just  
at the time I was at B. M., or has  
it been all this long time in reaching  
you? When & how do you propose  
investigating Miss P.M.'s 'candidates'?  
You remember you wrote that she  
seemed worth investigating -

How very unpleasant Miss  
Buchanan's tone about the exam-  
ination is - what a pity that we  
must have a teacher here every  
at least longer who so thoroughly  
disapproves of the white girl  
of the school -

Miss Whitman's Miss A. & also  
I will return to - minimum, as I say  
I've read her - just & have been  
for stupid to-day -

It occurs to me that Mr. Giddings



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Connection with Beryl Maus shd  
 not be injured as it is in the  
 articles I have sent yr (yesterday  
 or day) - Can yr not put something in  
 the Sat. paper this yr. yr's summary  
 The Walküre is a masterpiece of wh.  
 I am glad, are not yr? and so far  
 I have arranged for nothing else -  
 Tell me what yr want to do. John  
 Drew has just begun in a new play, of  
 wh. I enclose notice - The Scandinavian  
 fair picture the Metropolitan on  
 the Walküre. I want us to go to  
 whether - and that is quite enough  
 for me - but yr must say if there  
 is any Nip else yr want to do.  
 The Water Colours for yr will want to  
 get at least a glimpse of -  
 Don't be hurried, my dear J. - I  
 am wondering whether yr went to Mrs  
 Child's funeral to-day I am so afraid  
 yr did - I sent some flowers -  
 Goodbye. The sonnet is sweet, my dear me

But also that it shd have been so nice.  
 I will advise, very much as I may  
 I have been so nice.



I am so full with Regu. I have not  
 had the spirit to sit so in the  
 office I have sent you 4 books  
 (one day) - Can you not find some of the  
 the best papers for you, your money  
 the National is a waste of your  
 I am glad, we are your "aided" for  
 I have arranged for Mr. J. S. Lee -  
 Tell me what you want to do -  
 There has just begun a new play, I  
 think? Eugene Wilson - The Soundings  
 in picture. He has the picture  
 He has the picture - I want to see it  
 together and make it quite enough  
 for me - but you must say if that  
 is any of it. See you want to see  
 the water color by you will want to  
 get at least a few more of  
 Smith's bird - my dear J. -  
 Am wonder if whether you mean Mr. May  
 Child's funeral - 3 days I wish to have  
 you did - I wish to see them -  
 and the. I believe it is best. my dear me -