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Pinneret  
England.

My dear Friends —

This year with day. From my heart I wish you happy returns - happy with that inward satisfaction & rest of soul with which nothing from outside can seriously interfere. It is I know long since I wrote. I have again & again promised myself that today or tomorrow I was going to write - but other claims step in - and whether I am to blame, or how much in a sense my time to get thus filled up I do not know.

Things clamour to be attended to. and I am a slow worker & I often suspect lavish my time on non-essentials - liking to see things thoroughly well done.

See how trivial I am now!  
Your letter <sup>recd</sup> of yesterday -  
is what I have felt sometimes  
half prepared for - Knowing  
how few are those who fully  
sympathise with our interests  
& the cause that ~~presses~~ <sup>presses</sup> so <sup>urgently</sup>  
on us. I shall write forthwith  
~~to~~ the Inter Ocean giving them  
my opinion & to the best of  
my ability - I wish it would  
have any effect I fear it is  
what we call "a question of  
L. S. D." They don't care to ~~pay~~  
purchase material which  
does not earn them a  
proportional money return  
Perhaps the judges "note" <sup>love</sup>  
them a certain wealthy  
class of customer - <sup>clerk</sup> <sup>topic</sup>  
is not sufficiently popular.

Can it be that the Divine hand  
is ~~planning~~ that door to be  
closed, in order to open to  
another the searching out  
of a way more effective of  
the end in view?

As for me - I am still waiting  
for the way to clear - ~~but~~  
usually will be a ~~rest~~  
often in great <sup>amount</sup> of spirit  
chafing at my restraints  
but often putting the thought  
of all this trouble aside & will  
I help to wrestle with ~~my~~  
evil ~~at~~ ~~my~~ ~~own~~ ~~door~~

I have especially asked the  
kind office of a dear old gentle  
lady in Scotland with whom  
Mr. W. & Miss Wells & I ~~are~~  
stay ~~where~~ the trouble began  
I am at sea what best to do

If any one can bring Mr. M.  
I should it will be she I think.  
I wrote some weeks ago & had  
a kind acknowledgment of my  
letter & request I would give her  
time. So I wait.

It is late to say it - but oh  
how good were both your  
letters to me (The judge's & yours)  
I think it was wonderful how  
he grasped the situation. My  
mother felt it as very strengthening  
& confirming of the attitude she  
had taken up. But it is queer  
to think how my ignorance of  
self & human nature & the world  
frustrated the great plans.

I was rather alarmed one  
day at ~~learning~~ <sup>receiving</sup> from Mr.  
Shepherd a startled enquiry  
as to what had happened, because  
the judge had told her he could

not come to England because  
I had been displaced from the  
work. She wanted to know all  
was frightened for no confidence  
in the new workers &c. I tried  
to explain her a total her brief  
what had happened for mystery  
would lead perhaps to dan-  
gerous conjectures were damaging  
than the truth.

I felt it good to be so trusted  
as you both seemed able to trust  
me.

I am rested. It is a rest to be  
not editing a paper - after 6 years  
rather single handed anxious  
& some difficult work. I think  
the others in spite of the women  
& state they occasionally manage  
to give me are really doing excellent  
service to the cause so far as  
their literary work goes. - of Mr. M.  
August 24.

I have to thank you for  
many papers &c. including  
the letter from ~~the~~ New Orleans.  
This letter has been interrupted  
about 20 times & I fear is  
not very correct as for that!  
But I will mail it today  
lest you wonder indeed  
what has befallen me.

I have kept copying I might  
have better news to write &  
so time let the time slip far  
too long. yet how grateful  
I felt for <sup>all</sup> your loving kindness  
to me. Trouble such as I  
have passed through is a  
wonderful teacher. I feel ~~then~~  
in a sense thankful for the  
lessons even at this awful price  
May it fit me for higher service.  
Then indeed it will be great gain.  
My love to all. Affectionately & gratefully yours  
E. H. Ingersoll