

1-Garden St Cambridge  
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My dear Mr Clark

I thank you very  
heartily for the volume of  
poems which I found on my  
desk a few days ago, on re-  
turning from a short journey  
with my mother. It was  
most kind of you to think  
of me and though I have  
not had time to read many

of them yet - I can see that  
they are original and tell of a  
new world which is always in-  
teresting.

We have given thought of you  
and Mrs Clark and hoped  
that you had a pleasant journey  
and a happy home coming -  
and I have sometimes con-  
sidered whether Mrs Clark's gown  
proved to be a useful & conven-  
ient one.

We are all well and happy.

the only drawback being that my father's eyes are giving him some trouble and he has had to undergo some rather severe examinations at the oculist's which have tired him a good deal. But he thinks that will soon be over.

Our little association before which you were so kind as to speak that evening is still in existence and we are soon going to have some lectures

from Mr. Robertson of England  
who is said to be very brilliant.  
I found a pamphlet on Proportional  
Representation lying with the poems  
and I am sure it must have  
come from you though it had been  
opened so that I could not see the  
address. Accept my thanks for both  
and believe me with cordial greetings  
to Mrs Clark and your sons

Yours very sincerely  
Mary W. Allen