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Y. Friday Sept
March 8, 1888

Dear Miss Hubbard

I am glad that any
excuse will give me the pleasure
of hearing from you. I sent
your letter immediately on
to our good Mrs Williams,
or I don't have acknowledged
it more immediately. The dear
woman was with me for
Christmas, & altogether for seven
weeks. I then went to a kind
niece for a fortnight - & only

Yesterday was to return to
Cheltenham, where lighter
& milder days will I hope
cheer her rather lonely life.

I thought her feeble when she
first came, but she brightened
& felt really stronger before she
left.

I am much interested in
what you tell me of the Review
of Woman's work added to
the Yearbook & Directory, for
which I shall send forthwith
to Baker, to obtain for me, the

older I grow - I am very
old now - the more I feel how
valuable for a woman it is
to have some definite purpose
in life - Few men are without
it - of some kind - but women
too often run to waste, & suffer
in proportion. I rejoice to find
that 'Work & Leisure' still holds
its ground, & no wonder, for
it is strikingly without the
weaknesses of works intended
for the use of women. I have
my copies bound now in

val, & feel that they will
keep their usefulness, & obtain
a certain curative value as
time goes on. I hope you can
look back upon so long con-
tinued exertions in the Woman's
Cause, not indeed without dis-
appointments, for that must be
our portion here. but still with
a peaceful sense of having in
great measure effected what you
desired. I am sure that our
sphere is raised & brightened,
that there is more sense &

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nowadays

more simplicity - more earnest
work & more true religion.

Everything has a real & also
a false side - the last being far
the most conspicuous - but on
the whole I am sure that our
country never stood higher
in zeal to serve God & our
neighbours, & that the rational
advance of our sex is an im-
portant element in the general
advance.

I guess to hear that for work

has proved too much for you -
but trust that May will find
you able for a fresh lease.

One is nowhere out of the
reach of European news & you
must be following both English
& foreign tidings with deep interest.

I am grieved for Germany - so
much needing enlightened
rulers - especially that vast
barren yard Russia! & now
seeing the only promising
heir to the throne the ever proposed
stricken down. One only hopes

that the old Emperor's death
may make ~~rough~~ way for
his noble son, if even only
for a few weeks - & thus enable
him to place our Princeps in a
better position. Women are
indeed undervalued & despised
in Protestant Germany! & no-
body who knows that Country
can wonder that our thoughtful
& practical Pops should be unpopular
there. Hoping to see you on
your return dear Miss Hubbard
I am most truly yours
Eliza Estlin