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Many happy New Years, to
you, and your
my dear wife Becker.
I am delighted with
your lecture on Walter
Scott's heroines. No doubt
all the more so that
what you say about
"strength" so completely
tallies with my own opinion
and feeling, on the subject.

There can be no such thing
as moral any more than
physical grace, without
it, as to both the body, and
mind, through grace case
alike the power of perfectly
believing; where weakness
either of character, or muscle,
can accomplish nothing
but clumsy failures.

Who are they who in reality
do all the work of rogues
and villains, but your
weak - well meaning people
who never have sufficient
moral strength to bring
forth their good intentions

And nature takes into acts:
as a rule, - almost without
an exception, strength, that
is the consciousness of power
insures gentleness, - from 'a
big dog' dove was old. And
they, with all their success
at "strong minded women", meet
selfishly soon discover when
they come to be impeded
in their course, by their model
women, who had been strapped
down upon the conventional
Procrustes bed - for the inferior
sex tell they have attained
the full complement of
bewitching femininity &
insanity, so lauded by their
Slave owners. - for such the poor
Oupid nullities - Paris had
their brain cramped & warped
and suppressed, as the Chinese
women have their feet, have

Not even the mechanical use of
their hands and so instead of their
good domestic drudges are
invariably slatternly harveyors of
universal discord & strife. I
should like to collect all
Mrs. Fawcett's grains of gold till
they became an infant sufficiently
large to buy us the paradise.
What an admirable plea, speech
is that of Miss Sturge — but
alas! Vain! alas! ever since the
world has willed — to know
a somewhat untranslatable
Hebraic form of speech — has
not the proposition always been
not two, but two hundred Priests
and Levites, to the good Samaritan
with regard to a mother's claim
to her child being kill, of course,
for are you not aware that it
is written in our charming laws
"A mother is no relation to her
children!!!!" — But still we have
the effrontery to call ourselves a
Christian and a civilized people,
believing that they form
Miss A. Lytton