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NAWORTH CASTLE,
CARLISLE.

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My dear Mrs Hawley,

How can I thank you all enough for the perfectly glorious time we have had ^{all} that week in Leeds. I want to thank you not only on my own behalf for ~~the great delight of staying in your home~~, but also, as one of the delegates, on behalf of the whole association, for the perfectly lovely reception we all had in Leeds. It is only the second time I have been at a national council outside London, the other time was ^{for} the Liberal women in Halifax some years ago, you

see, W. Riding also! I always vote eagerly, in both Councils, for the following Council to be held "in the provinces," apart from the educational help to the district, I do think it makes the Council specially delightful & happy, all the ~~deli~~ warm welcomes one gets! That "Welcome to Leeds" banner was really typical of what one felt all through the week. I know what a great amount of work you have all had! Then, besides, your own gay & interesting house party, how can I thank you enough for letting me share in its pleasures! Besides, I do so like to see the homes of friends one has made elsewhere, & it was such a great pleasure, also, to meet Mr Harvey & your third

daughter, I had only known of two before. I enclose a Cumbrian view for each, to thank them warmly too for making our visit so happy. But it is hopeless to write to everyone as one feels inclined to on leaving, one feels gloomy to leave so many friends. We talked hard all the way home, about the events of the week, & so did not feel so gloomy, for it was then still going on for us. The only sad thing was Mrs Estom's resignation. everything else turned out so well.

If I may, I will ask mother about your exceedingly kind offer to invite me during the musical festival, a little nearer the time, I mean as to whether I can come; she would not know her plans so far ahead. But really I do not know how to thank you enough. We had delicious music

this time, & I enjoyed your pictures so
much too! When I come again,
perhaps I ought to say "if", but I
like to think it "when" better,
perhaps I may also see the Holman
Hunt at the Gallery, which I never
found time for at the party!

Yrs. most aff. & gratefully

Aurea Howard.