

Sunday - Oct 23

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29, UPPER BERKELEY STREET.

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To whom
To GSA

I wonder if I may venture
to be that odious person
"a candid friend" & tell
you of a flaw I saw in you
as guest last night?

I will risk it, for I trust
you will be grateful when
you have digested my
criticism.

I perceived that you did
not know that the Centre

guest along the line of the
table has the post of
difficulty as far as
talking goes. If he
whispers to his neighbours
general talk is impossible;
his duty is plain, to talk
to the Chair or rather
to the two Chairs; he ought
to be the link between the
two ends, the most useful

of guests, if he sees his
true importance. It is curious
how few people know this
element in the art of
social talk. I saw it
years ago & am quite
disturbed with a sense
of bad generalship when
my ~~own~~ centres turn
out inefficient.

Can you forgive me?

0-20. Yours truly
Stanley

Miss Cobbe, Sir Henry & Lady
Thompson, Prof. Beesly &
some artists will be here
next Sat. If you would
come in at 9.30 I think
you would like them, & I
~~shd~~ understand that you
do not bear malice.