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Violet Paget (Kensington, England) to Matilda Paget (Bagni di Lucca, Italy)

Vernon Lee (Violet Paget)

Matilda Paget

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The papers have a good catalogue
Kilmington July 11. 1885

Dearest mamma ^{I care to write you}
^{about the} ^{papers}

Grieved to have to enclose such
bad news from E. Stock. I have
accepted his suggestion of
referring the matter to the
Committee. By the way, I wrote
a few days ago, to Blackwood's
Concern.

I forgot to tell you about
Charles. He seems hopeful,
but has evidently got thro'
endless annoyance, as several
people have played him false
about commissions. And
his famous exhibition has
resulted so far in any
important sale.

From 12.

The enclosed comes from yesterday
Saturday, was slightly diminished.

The announcement of E. Stock's death
I came down here last
night, & am very glad to be
out of London, which is
at least more & more. The
day before yesterday evening
Miss G went to a meeting
of the Hygienic Research
for which Gurney sent me
tickets. It was a very
successful evening, concerning
mainly of a denial of
failed experiments of
fraudulent ghosts. Gurney
looks weary & embittered.
The rest consisted of
water on the brain. I met
Emily Ford there with Lady
Admont Temple, very vague
& as if she could not well

grapple with the identity. Also the
type of the de Morgan. Please
we went to a very grand
party in Wimpole at a
Mrs. Jones's, a court of animal
lion hunting. There were several
prize tribes. Several persons
in Ch. Dick, Chamberlain, only
no body pointed them out.
I met the Ward; I had your
my impression that they distinctly
wished to cut me, which
we have been quite in accord
with never having written.
I went up to her as bold as
Brad; she looked shy, but as
I was not shy, I ended in
her being extremely gracious
taking me down to her farm
near Guilford. (You see)
was sent right, or rather
I was was such right

about the same of my coming. Now there
remain recalcitrant only the
Ropetrick & Walks.

Yesterday morning I lunched with
Mr F. Robertson. Mrs F.R. is certainly
a very nice & successful quiet
woman. He is a nice sober
~~elder~~ Only two sons were
here. They profess great
gratitude & in this way really
feel it. I fancy. Then I went
to see old Mr Newton, the
director of the antiquarian & the
B. Museum. He is a most
charming old man, learned
to the same time such a
man of the world. He took me
all round the place, & then to
have had a his house.
He seems to be my
false protection here, among

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The gifted pianists like Ward,
Giles etc. very well. From time
I went to the Tennants. They were
having tea in their beautiful
garden overlooking the river at
Whitehall. I sat with them a
long time, & found her Tennant
& layers (her son-in-law)
very pleasant. I cannot
swear, he & his son, who he
always running them down,
except that they know how.

By the way I had a long ^{have} &
very nice letter from her
Alexander, which made me
rather sad, as she tells me
that the typhus is extremely
bad at Wiesbaden & that she
has made her will, leaving
me all her & Mme Meyer's papers.
As she is given to prowling

about hospitals etc, I feel rather
anxious about him. I suppose
his mother's eye operations
are detaining him. She speaks of
being in London in a fortnight.

On returning home from the
Tenants I found Henry
James had called. He had
returned only the day before.

I think I shall go to
the play at Coombe. One now
gets tickets half price.

Alice leaves for week. She
is really a very nice girl, &
I shall be quite sorry to lose
her. There is a question of
Lucy coming up for a few days.

Now rest the same love
& have all explicitly M.