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Dear Mrs. Russell,

The Social whirl has been so unremitting that I haven't had time to thank you for the "Approach" book yet. Strange to say, I had already owned the book in America, & given it away to a Divinity student, without noticing that (or not recollecting) that your husband had an article in it. So this copy comes to repair the wound. I shall always consider it as a classic and splendid illustration (as Lowell Dickinson's article in the last

Herbert J. and the end of his booklet
on "Religion" are splendid statements,
of what I call the "Will to Believe",
— bad term, which "Vernon Lee" lately im-
proves into the need to believe.

I have decided that I must
not come to see you later, so please
count us out! It is one of the taxes
one must pay for being a "nervous invalid"
that the moment social intercourse becomes
at all interesting, it has to stop. I
am so preposterously fatigued with the
dinners, lunches & teas ^{here}, that I feel as
if ~~the~~ a whole summer in the wilder-
ness would hardly bring me "to" again.

S. I am refusing everything, including
the best. Such So many people here
whom it would do one endless good to
know better, but whom one never shall
know better! I believe that your husband
and I might transact some real philo-
sophic business with one another if
conditions were propitious, and I don't
give up the hope that either in Ame-
rica or here, they may some day be-
come so. Please give him my friend-
liest regards, and believe me, thank-
ing you both for the book,

Very sincerely yours,

Wm James