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Madison
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My dear Pippa

The great news of this week is that the Ithaca line is likely to be begun at the beginning of December. Robertson told Drysdale who told me (in the strictest confidence) Drysdale will probably be the engineer in charge and I am in great hopes of being put on

it. Robertson half said I should and Drysdale said that if he had anything to do with it he'd try and get me on so I've got a pretty good chance. (No more ink). It will be great joy if I get it, every one is screaming for it. It was a very good thing I came down to Asansol as it is in the thick of things and close

to headquarters, whereas the North West is so far away that you are quite forgotten. Dr. King the Geological man and Mrs K. came here yesterday for two days for a holiday. I discovered them and took them for a trolley from Simultala to hawadik to amuse them at which they were much pleased. There was a young man called

Sclater with them whose father
I dare say papa knows. Dr.
K. sent respectful love to
Tetch. Nothing else has happened.
This is a beastly letter. I hope
you got my last week's one
but ~~to~~ you wont mind much if
you didnt as it was a fear-
ful penny a liner.

Kind love to all dear friends

Wth loving

Ralph.