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Dear Mrs. Hemming

Thank you so much for the card — I suppose you are in London now — but why? The villa in S. Italy looks breathtaking.

You needn't feel any lack of attention to my mother! She gets a good foot-in with the Welfare State and it is her family that absorbed me, as I think I make clear. The reason my father has it all his own way in Chapter one is that I was concentrating on the nature of a Victorian medical practice.

I did anticipate some hostile

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reaction from those who believe
that Mrs. Parkhurst did it all
before 1914. I think I have
got a fair picture of her. Almost
nothing can excuse her treat-
-ment of the sanctity of Patrick
Lawrence. But what would the
movement have been without
her!

Yours ever

Marygroves