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A letter from Mr Read dated and
mailed Aug: 12 came to day forwarded
from Rome also newspapers of the
14th - but no letter from Mr Elmer
in reply to my 1. Aug: letter! I will
wait until Sunday 1. Sep: then
I will send him a registered letter
which I have written to day - a letter
he must answer if he is alive

We have had violent rain
all day and I have had no walk
Even now the air or rather wind
is not favourable - I have writ-
ten a little on the Forlonia article
read a little in Taine's "France
Contemporaine" a dreadfully ter-
-some book full of ^{the} brushwood of
detail and never a grand out-
of an incident. Then I have read
American newspapers and run
through Lippincott for August
and here it is 60c and the day

nearly ended. I feel very listless
and dull - weary and low spirited
I need oxygen but have not the
courage to go out - I'll do a little
hard studying at something and
put myself up before I go to bed.
But I'll "turn in" early and play
for clear weather tomorrow when
I can go out on the lake border
and brighten up my old heart

Poor dear Mr Read! She is
very desolate. "No one asks me to
stay and make my home with
them" she says pitifully. She
has no home and very little money
Oh God! how thankful I am that
I have been helped to earn a com-
-fortable independence - so few
women have had my blessings
Left adrift as I was at 40 with
ill health and little or no means!
Indeed it was a "special Providence"
that lamshed ^{guided} my bark of labour

You may work and work
and make no gain; plant and
hoe, and dig and plough and reap
no harvest - but my labours
have had their own little ^{little} ~~little~~
factory success and I am indeed
grateful. So now to work and
no fretting over the "Hardy Boon
Hours" If the money does not
come to day nor to morrow it
must come some day and in
the meanwhile I am not offering

If this lack of money had oc-
-curred last year what a misery
it would have been. But now
I have my regular engagement
with the Telegraph and Boston
Advertiser insuring me \$1000
a year and I am sincerely grate-
-ful - Some money from my
rents must come some time
This night more of Silence ^{much}
and - so to work & be cheerful.

Sunday. September 1. /78

Such a walk as I took yesterday!
Nearly three hours I was out. I was
decidedly ill at ease. I replied to
the "World" letter about overdraw-
-ing my acct, as the Treasurer says
I have - that vexed me; then I sent
off some trustees to Miss Hawes by
grande vitesse and had some
little hitch in the arrangements
arising from my ignorance of the business,
and then worst of all journals
from America came, via Rome
up to the date of 17. Aug: and
no letter from Mr Elmer! So
I was thoroughly threadbare
in spirits. I left the house at
4.15 and came back a little before
7.15 tired out in body but all
right in mind and spirits

I walked along the Paquebot
to Albiqum then from Albiqum
on the other side of the lake