

with the General. That does not interest him
& that he would not push on unless he
improve; nothing is beneath his attention -
& his taste & decoration is as good as his
historical requirements. Practically his Director
is all but the laborer, & I simply register his
wishes, & answer a heap of the letters which he
throws the Director people should. If he were
here I should be all my wife's work & conduct
much of the official work with India & the
Colonies. His sister Anne that he once
directed, & a young capable Asst. Director is
training under him - it will take such a
few several years to get into the work.

He however does not want the Directorship left
to me for joy on. I quiescent, he impudently
practices & perpetually occupying of ~~not~~
being supported at the same time getting
his own way ^{without hindrance} in every thing, & I am bound

I say it is almost always the right way! -
Enough my life is no longer, but I
must hold it for a year or two if
life & health are wanted for me & my
children's will only be reasonably had.

For Harold does not improve & I am
a very bad at the camp. You must get a
nurse for him. My sister Maria has left
Edinburgh & will live with her married daughter
Mrs. Newnham near St. Petersburg when she comes
today. He is doing better. W. H. Miller

You are kind
Dear Mrs. G. & have friends
my concerns. The kind cover
last please send me my wife.
Write to me a letter.
W. H. Miller

Dear Gray,

I don't understand
difficultly about the speech
Sereno, is there any
scruple, which I don't
without saying "as you
I think you greatly be a
amount of new learning
I really have advanced
your "Wortham" list in
de Dantesparis & de M.
like find almost all the
are pretty well known to
difference that since
named, I had to study

I suppose that you see
it for my distribution of
American system of public
& my share in the Paris
work, my back is not
is justified! I am to the



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