

J. Peters' E.H. 174
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Dear Dr Hill,

I heard in the beginning of winter that you were going to honour me with a letter, & for some time I looked forward to it, but now there is no use hoping for one unless I write to you first, & set you a good example. My husband often tells me how you are, & I was very sorry to hear that your sight has failed so much lately. it must be a great trial & privation. However "you see still with your heart" as I saw it prettily put in a poem the other day & so you have not lost sight of dear

Mr. Hill, which is the main thing.
It is very distressing to hear of poor
Mr. Dickson's illness, & from the accounts
there seems to be great cause for ap-
prehension. Mr. Tombazis' death
too was very sad.

I hope that all in your house are
well, & that you have been able to
enjoy the mild winter - we had a
great deal of snow & frost, & the
Spring is very late. but it did me
no harm, in fact I think it quite
set me up again, & I hope, please
God to be able to go back to
Athens next autumn with a new
lease of life.

Shall you be able to "read" the Epistle
at Easter this year as you did last?

I hope so, it was so nice. my husband has not told me whether you can often get to church.

When Miss Flintoff calls to see you next week will you be so good as to remember me to her very kindly. I am afraid she has a lonely existence at Athens. & but for Mrs. Hill she would have no friends.

How is Miss Quin? when I was with the Stuarts at the Hague I saw a beautifully arranged collection of quack flowers, made I think by her, which Mrs. Stuart prizes very highly.

I hope that the Masons are all well, are they still in the same house where they were last winter?

I have asked you so many questions
that you will really have to send me
quite a long letter. and I hope you
will tell me all about yourself, and
Mrs Hill & Miss Mason. Please give
them my love, & with the same to
you, & kind regards to my husband
when you see him

believe me ever

Yours very affectionately
Marie C. d'Arcy.

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