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Dear Mr Hill

I must really apologize for not being so regular lately with our correspondence I trust you will excuse me if you take into consideration the new and heavier duties I have imposed upon myself by removing to London. My Sister Maria has made it a rule to write to Helen once a month by this arrangement we expect we shall have news from her regularly and we trust that you will be kind enough to recommend her to freely use the paper that we have sent her. We want to have

as many of her Ideas as she  
can give us. as regards the  
rate of postage there is no  
difference between a regular  
full sized letter. and the  
small half sheet that she  
usually sends us. I am very  
glad to see her advancing  
in her writing. I am quite  
sure that your Mr Hill and  
Miss Baldwin will take a  
great interest in the edu-  
cation of a girl who has  
been left an orphan since  
three years old. certainly  
she must have given much  
pain to herself and to her  
teachers these first 2 1/2 years  
of her studies. because every  
thing was new to her. But  
now we must hope that her

mind has been trained for  
learning and that she will  
progress rapidly. I am of  
opinion to leave Helen  
with you for some years more  
so that she may acquire not  
merely knowledge but also  
taste to continue learning  
and improving herself in  
after life. I was thinking  
of making a voyage to the  
Levant this year but I could  
not conveniently arrange it  
I had a great desire to see  
Helen and you all. Please  
do me the favor to give me  
in your next your own opi-  
nion about Helen's character  
generally. I suppose you  
pretty well know her  
inclinations. I have paid  
the half year's account to Mr  
Lunardopulo I am sorry

that the Steamers direct from  
Liverpool to the Piræus have  
ceased to run and we have  
not many opportunities to  
forward anything direct  
for Athens. Please give  
my kind regards to Mr  
Hill and Miss Baldwin  
with those of my sister.

I and Maria send  
many kisses to Helen  
Believe me dear Sir  
ever yours —

M. Quella

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