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Dearest mother, I have longed all day
to write you. This Sunday has been very
sad indeed to me, though the sun
has shone so brightly and the air ~~so~~
been so pleasant. Sometimes I seem to
feel so heavy a gloom, that it will never
be penetrated by any light; but surely
it will be, even this upon our country now,
and this upon our dear home.

For the last year and a half my mind
has been too much absorbed perhaps in
the nation's sorrow. I fear I did not
think as much as I should of household
and family duty and pleasure.

Keller was the purest Patriot I ever
knew, and one of the wisest. His intense
love for the law & Constitution I
learned from him. They have been
sent to my Bible always. Oh! it seems
so terrible a calamity if now they shall be

trampled upon and destroyed. George we
dearer - children, if sometimes, since they
have been allured, I have seemed neglectful
or thoughtless. I longed of you all - communing
this morning. All that service is comforting
and reassuring to faith. Your dear Henry
will you and Harry - and others, darling,
alone you could not see.

I recall tonight those Sunday evenings long
ago when we listened so closely to Father's
stories. I always longed it such a
privilege and delight to hear them.
We were with him more on Sunday
than on other days. He loved the day
so much for its rest and quiet worship.
I think in your case even sometimes to do
good, you works Christian women
lose sight of this idea, although you love
it none the less.

But to men the escape from the turmoil
and passion of the world is incomparably
foolish. Annie is quite well and sends
her love, which means a heart full of
sympathy and affection. Goodnight -
darling children! pray for comfort - you will
all his merciful loving kindness!

Affectionately
Hilary Kelliles

George will return on Wednesday morn.
See and I will go up on any day
after that; together if you say so. I
should think Henry had better get
an extension of his pulalgia for a
few days in any event. Annie
will do your shopping tomorrow and
send the things up by post.

L. Kell.