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them at present. He has already been away 12 or 14 years, & it seems more like three since he saw poor dear. We quite hoped Morton would come this summer from S. America, as the work is finished & he as engineer is only staying to see everything settled up. Ernest the Clergyman has been two years now in his curacy in Shropshire, & is seeking another where he can get a house, for he has put up with the inconvenience of lodgings in a farm house up to this time. Percy is at Cambridge. He has been far from well, but writes that he is taking plenty of exercise on the river & we hope he will return next week for the Easter Vacation looking much stronger. Herbert went last Autumn to Wiltshire and is learning farming & getting some knowledge as to the value of land, timber ect. The life there seems to suit him well, & now he is growing taller & has been very well of late. It is a comfort for Mother, as you know she used to be anxious about him. The youngest is at Rotherham, preparing for Harrow. He is quite a schoolboy though only 10 & gets on very well with work & play. My eldest sister & myself are the only ones at home now as Gertrude does not leave school till next month, & then goes to Germany for 3 months to work with the German, music & singing. We expect her home for my wedding, & then she will continue studies at home. You will be surprised perhaps when I tell you I am 18 this year