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Now I will not take up more of your time. Accept with your usual
kind regards to all, and I am, dear friend, your faithful friend,
G. Lieven

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My dear Mr. Guizot
I have been thinking of you
very much lately

Ventures
9th Decr

Dear Sir & Friend,

I think that so old a story
may joy in what rejoices you,
my intimate participation in all
that concerns the beloved children,
never be worth the twenty lines
which my pen to write do soon
as the glad tidings arrived but I
thought, what have I to say? That
which Monsieur Guizot
knows by heart. He will never
doubt what feelings I receive this
intelligence, & a thousand assurances
will not make him more true than
is of my devoted attachment. I
wait till I have something to say.
But I can go on no longer with
this on my heart. I must tell my
dear Henriette how happy I am for
her & with her. And I must add a
humble petition that Pauline, our
kind Christian, would send me
a further report of her & child.
I can easily imagine that you, who

human life, must regard with
trembling anxiety so rare a com-
bination of felicity as that by which
you are, God be thanked, surrounded.
That it should continue unclouded
throughout the lives of those dear ones,
is a wish which you & I, best of
friends, dare not dare to express to each
other. But let us be satisfied & thank
God that it is there. So much of life
at least is gained for happiness, & a
store of recollections are amassed
upon which the heart can live in
less fortunate days. It is a bold
thing to contest the authority of King
& Dante - but I must entirely dissent
from the doctrine that in order not
to suffer acutely, we ought to desire
not - to enjoy intensely. It is better to
love & be loved, & to lose what we love
than to ~~live~~ ^{lead} a life of dreary insi-
pidity. And so, let us rejoice & be
thankful for that happiness which
will fill & fortify their hearts, even
should sorrow come after it.

That it may please God ^{to} to avert this
is, you know, one of my most earnest
prayers - for their sake & for yours.

I can never thank you
for the comfort you have
about my dear Mary, and
could be so great a relief
all as Lord Shaftesbury.
I am quite certain that
I will not be surprised to
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obliging letter, & I would
friendly assurances. But
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I can never thank you enough
for the comfort you have given me
about my dear Alexander. Nothing
could be so great a consolation, there
all as Lord Aberdeen's good opinion
I am quite certain that, if once gained,
it would not be forfeited. Mr Gladstone
also has written me a very kind &
obliging letter, & I would fain rely on his
friendly assurances. But I may say to
you, in entire confidence, that those of my
friends to whom I have expressed this
opinion, do not seem to share it. They
treat his expressions as "official politeness"
and short there is, even among his friends
& colleagues, a sort of doubt about him;
or rather not the implicit reliance
there is on the sincerity of Lord Aberdeen.
I am sorry to perceive this, for genuine
reasons that affect interests, & because
I extremely like Mr Gladstone, as I
know you do. Sometimes des. it is not
the best time that my poor children are
worse off than they were - that they is
forced to give up her house, on which
much of her health depends, & that a
young man of few inferior standing
experience & ability has been put in the
place. Mr. thought he had a claim to
Mr Gladstone made along apology about
it to Lord Lansdowne, who but failed
to make him understand the position
for his choice.

Sooner easily imagine that you are glad
to take refuge in the society of the
actors of the great Rebellion, who
if not ~~delicate~~ gay or gentle, are at
least vigorous & earnest companions.
When you want a little amusement
read Mr. Harkeray's novel of Desmond.
He has not only laid it in Queen Anne's
time, but has very happily caught the
style & tone of that age, & his accurate
knowledge ~~with~~ the men who figured
then enables him to give a very lifelike
picture to some of his portraits. I don't
think it is very popular - it is a little
too good, & supposes too much acquaintance
with the history & books of the
time. Did I tell you I had intrusted
Mr. Thomas to write some little biographies?
The first he suggested was the
very one I should have named - that
of ~~John~~ Duplessis, Moruey. I am expecting
his M.S. in English, for me to correct.
If this answers, we shall try another.
The ~~edit~~ of Galway perhaps. The activity
of our popular press is such that I am
sure I shall be able to place these
en attendant more serious works.
I was very sorry not to see Mr. A. Hamilton
yesterday. He sent me your note enclosed
in one of his own. I expect Mr. P. Wilson
here in a fortnight or less. If you have
any commands, you know where he is.