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Villa Maurocoppe  
Capo di Monte  
Naples. Nov. 6

My dear Friend

I am grieved that  
your kind note has been  
so long unanswerd. I can  
ill afford now to lose sight of  
my true friends, especially  
any (as you have) who have  
given me spiritual help in  
hours of weakness. But  
correspondence is quite a  
difficulty to me now. I have  
broken down in health a good  
deal, & my constant care  
of my dear husband demands  
just the amount of strength  
I have to spare. His state  
is about the same; but  
the conditions of life here



are much more favorable  
to him than in England.

We have quite shut up our  
Winchester house, & are now  
living in my sister's beautiful  
Palace on the hill above  
Naples. It is a lovely place,  
& we hope to stay another  
month & then - please God -  
spend the rest of the winter  
in Sicily.

I am writing to Miss Willard -  
tho' very late, my good  
wishes to her are none the  
less sincere. The "Celebration"  
will be past before she  
gets my letter. I have a

kind of yearning love for  
her, tho' I never saw her.  
It seems to me the Lord would  
never have let her climb  
to & maintain the place  
she has in the hearts & esteem  
of the American people, unless  
she possessed great reality  
of character, humility, &  
large benevolence. May  
she long be spared to her  
Country & the world!

Now, dear Mrs Smith,  
I have a son - my eldest  
son - a dear, good wise  
son, & an able & honorable  
man - who is working hard  
in London. He is unmarried  
& is now a good deal over  
30.



His love for us has made  
him so far find it enough happiness  
to come down to us, & make our  
home his, at Winchester, from  
Saturday to Monday every week.  
But now he is lonely, & our home  
is broken up. He much needs  
a wife! (pardon my abruptness)  
& is worthy of a truly good woman's  
love & highest esteem. But he  
has few opportunities in London.  
I have thought of the few people  
whom I know — (it is strange  
how few I know socially at all)  
& I can hardly feel much  
inducement to introduce him to  
some whom I know. May I ask  
him to call on you & on Mr. & Mrs  
Costelloe? His office is the "Civil Service  
Commission, Cannon Row, Westminster".  
he works in Whitechapel, & is much  
liked & trusted by working men to whom  
he lectures. Perhaps you may not  
be at home just now however. My

you would like you greatly.