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might attend universities if not quite so much money was spent for automobiles.

You mentioned Lloyd George's visit. We had him here for a few days and he left a very fine impression. The picture of him you referred to was, of course, taken at Dixie where I had him out for a game of golf. I believe generally that his trip through the United States had been productive of much good. We apparently converted him to the use of the amplifier - an electrical contrivance which enables the voice to be heard at greater distance. At first he absolutely refused to use one here and we had great difficulty in prevailing on him to try it. I notice now he is employing them on all his campaigns in England. It is very hard to size up the situation there. I would think that Free Trade was too solidly entrenched in the minds of the people of the British Isles to have any sudden change, but our reports are that Baldwin's party is likely to hold its own. I think one of the factors in Baldwin's favour is that people are not quite ready to trust Lloyd George again. It would appear from the press that he is the dominating figure in the Liberal party.

I am so glad that you enjoyed your trip to Canada so much. It has probably done you a great deal of good, so much so, I hope, that you will soon visit us again for it certainly was a great pleasure to have you if only for a few days.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Rankin and with all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,