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the 30th of ^{the} 1890

My dearest Augustus. I will not let pass another Post Day without writing ~~for~~ as we are now in possession of the Address to convey our Letters safely, it did not arrive till Friday or I should have wrote sooner... Your Letters of the 10th & 16th arrived at the same time & I am sorry to find that the last Letter did not give so good an account of You. but I hope & flatter myself that Your recovery will be by degrees & by that means insure us a lasting Health. for considering what You have gone through for Two Month before the Journey was begun we must not expect to recover so much lost Strength at once. & I hope & wish to be a True Prophet. The variety of Countries You must pass through cannot but afford a pleasing Amusement particularly to an observing mind, the Characters of the People may even be traced out of doors & if so that one can aid the intercourse with the Inhabitants.

A must least Naturally to the Study of Man's kind which
is the most Necessary for those who live in the World
but also the most difficult to obtain. For as our
Prejudices & passions are frequently present our reason
to form an impartial judgement. However we must
go on notwithstanding these difficulties, & try our
best to correct ourselves if possible of our own Errors
& Prejudices, which ~~may~~ is often obtained by seeing ^{them} ~~in~~
ⁱⁿ others, & by that means gives us the right use of
impartial reasoning. — I agree with You my dear
Augustus that a life of constant Hurry & Double
cannot be called a reasonable life, & that retirement
gives us an opportunity of improving the Mind.
Nothing can be more pleasing than a Country life
where the Bodily exercise & instruction of the Mind
may be connected together. but Society must never be
forgot, for as we all make a part of Society, so should we

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which each in our way endeavour to be usefull to that Society
which cannot well be done without mixing in some
degree with the World. which may be done in my opinion
without going into the extremes of the present Fashion
where night is turned into Day & Day into Night, where
People go every where & enjoy Nothing, & where Amu-
sement is pursued but never found. My taste is for
a few select Friends whose cheerfulness of Temper
& instructive Conversation will pass the Time away
~~in innocents~~ without leaving any remorse for what is
passed, & creating a desire of renewing the meeting. This
I know is what You think my dear, but what I am
sorry to say we see but seldom, for none but those
who are possess'd of true Religious & Moral Prin-
ciples can truly enjoy innocent Amusements.
however this must not dash Us, We will see the follies
of the Day, we will give them a Tear of Pity, & pursue

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with greater Steadiness our own course. for that I am certain off without Religion none can be happy for it is the True & only Support in every Situation of life in Prosperity it keeps us within bounds as it tells Us, that the Hand who gave it can also take it from Us. & in Adversity it Supports Us in Our Distress & Strengthens our Trust in the Almighty who say. Fear not I am thy God & thy Strength. We have both experienced the Truth of this, & so we will both abide by Our way of thinking. — The Parliament has met & His Majesty has met them with the News of a Glorious Peace, The Speecher Mr Addins was chose Unanimously without one dissenting Voice & the Address in the House of Lords was carried in the same way. There is no doubt of the same agreement in the House of Commons. & now my dear Augustus no body longs more anxiously for good accounts from you than your most affectionate Mother Charlotte