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Mrs Shelley G.P.  
Layton House  
Putney  
Surrey

Mr Percy Shelley

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Shelley, Sir Percy  
Florence (b.1819). Son of the poet. [Cambridge]  
A.L.S. to Mary Wollstonecraft (Godwin)  
Shelley (1797-1851).  
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Percy writes his "dear Mamma" and tells her all about his affairs. He asks her to send a set of Shelley's works, for he wants his friend Julian to have either the prose or poetry, according to his own choice. A jejune and immature letter, showing clearly how closely Mary had bound her son to herself and to the canonized image of his father. Percy took his Cambridge degree in the following year.

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