



Mary at graduation as B.Sc. from Victoria College, Wellington, 1909. (Vol. 11)

I see that it is almost equally impossible for you to live in mutual harmony with your daughter who, without a shadow of a doubt, you sincerely love.¹²

Fred's assessment of the feeling between Mary and Amy seems to have been accurate. When she went to London in 1913 Mary rejected the option of living with her mother. Her relationship with Amy, like Fred's, was full of complications. In Amy's opinion it was Mary who had come between herself and Fred, Mary who had supplanted her as housekeeper in her own home and as first claimant to her husband's affections. But Mary was also her 'genius' daughter, the young woman of whom she could say, '*anything* she wants to do, she can do, and I must say I know of no other girl so