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WITLEY,  
SURREY.

March 29<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mr Cross

I have been long  
& add my congratulations  
to the many many you  
must have received on the  
great success of "The Life"  
I have enjoyed reading it  
extremely & had so many  
letters from friends expressing  
the same, one said it was  
the most enslaving book she  
had ever read another said  
she had been much impressed  
by the ability you had displayed

I was quite sorry to have finished it & felt as if some dear friend had been visiting us & had gone away. I had hoped we might have seen you at Witley during the last year or two, we shall always be pleased to see you if you ever do come, we passed some one so like you on the Kings Road at Brighton last October & were so very sorry the crowd prevented our seeing whether it was really you, I mentioned

it to Mrs Allingham & she said she believed you & Glen were at Brighton.

With kind remembrances in which Mr Evans joins

yours sincerely

Mary Evans