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My dearest & nicest Girl

I'm afraid Darling that you have allowed yourself the luxury of magnifying things by thinking a good deal about them. Why? I have always thought it so nice that my sisters and Mother and Father should come down to Montreal after I did and happen to like so much the one girl in Montreal or anywhere else whom I had found most dear.

You have always been the best of friends, I think with Naomi & Francie, and also with Mother & Dad - only lately Mother & Dad, being most discreet, would not risk showing you too <sup>many</sup> much

outward attentions, simply because they were afraid I would forget all about you and then you might be (they would think) disappointed yourself, and also other people would have something nasty to talk about.

Dearest Girl, I could hardly tell Mother and Dad ~~and~~ publish it there, before ~~the~~ first going to your Mother. However I did tell Mother because she told me that it was awkward for her not to know, and I told you what I had said the same day.

Mrs. Harrington has always been most kind and you know I would sooner ask her than any Mother in the world. I don't think, though, that it is generally done until the ~~the~~ fairy queen allows that privilege.

Unless your Mother has been worried or troubled about the matter, I don't think we have been much at fault.

In fact, I think a year or so ago your Mother would have been worried on account of our being such children.

Please, please Love do not refuse an invitation to our house unless you have really some other engagement. I'm sure Mother would feel slighted and disappointed, especially now that she knows everything. If you would talk to her about me you would be surprised how much she would appreciate it.

I suppose I should tell Dad, and I will the first time I see him. You are mistaken about his

ideas on wanting <sup>4.</sup> me to have money.  
I am almost inclined to blame  
him that things are as they are.  
I am inclined to think that quite  
possibly I should have a private  
income today - instead of the probability  
in the far-off future if it were not  
for his policy that it is best for me  
to make my own way. Anyway this  
cannot be changed now.

Timmy, I've just got a dandy little  
picture of you and Sylvia, with your  
heads together at Metis - probably  
at the Fleet's Lake. Heber sent it.  
I expect him here to play football  
today.

Give my kind regards to Little Eva,  
Tell Will I enjoyed that Electrical  
magazine, ask Clare not to be serious  
with Little Loie in her next conversation;  
and worry Cox any way you like - from me.  
All my Love, Darling, keep for yourself I send  
it all to you. Affect.<sup>ly</sup> Edward. S. W.

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