

South Bethlehem
Penn.

June 8th 1896

My dear Clare,

Perhaps you will be surprised to hear that it is only 7.50 a. m. and that I have got up early in order to write to you before breakfast.

You see when once our quartette gets together and our day's work begins we have little opportunity for writing letters.

This is a queer old town founded by the Moravians about 1740 and still having many Moravian inhabitants.

It is prettily situated in the Lehigh valley and is in many respects an interesting place.

I need not tell you how badly I felt to hear of dear little Poppy being ill again and of your being obliged to go off to Montis without mother & him. I have heard nothing from home since Friday evening but mother's telegram then was a great relief to me.

I hope you will safely to Montis and have no special difficulties to encounter there.

We have been here since Saturday evening and expect to go on to Philadelphia to night. The weather here makes one sigh for Montis. Yesterday it was very hot and sultry and I fear it is going to be worse to-day. When we shall get back to Montreal I do not

know. Mr. M^d. now talks
of going on to Washington for a
day. This of course would
be pleasant, but I am anxious
not to leave mother alone too
long.

Yesterday we went to a
very high church and
heard a special sermon
preached for the benefit of
the young lady graduates of
a school in connection with
the Episcopal church. At
times it was difficult to tell
whether one was not really
in a Roman Catholic instead of
a Protestant church.

I should like to tell ^{you} of
many other things, but must
go down to breakfast and not
keep the others waiting.

With love for yourself! Bernard
and Constance
Yours aff. Father.