

Some good parts

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My dear son,

Another lovely day, which it is a joy to have. It is so quiet - no wind. We all went to church, & had for preacher a Mr G. Duncan lately from Edin-  
burgh, he was a very clear-minded man, & had a great mastery of words - also he chose a very beautiful text -

"The eternal God is thy refuge"  
"I underneath are the everlasting hills amongst waves @ seas"  
These were amongst his last words, & have been a great strength to many in times of perplexity & darkness - most suitable to this hour - We need never doubt that God is guiding & is not slack - but judges righteous & will put down all pride & unrighteousness, & exalt the humble.

The paper today contains the news of the death of young French Eva knew him quite well. Alas! - we are smitten!! I suppose you know that Con. has gone to Val Cartier - It was a rather hurried move - but the authorities were very cut-throat - 90 -

& the way seemed to open up, & there he is - I don't think it will be a very easy job - He is Brigadier Major - if that gives you much light, it does not mean very much to me - I hope it will make Con. feel that he is appreciated, & also that he is doing more for his country - Each one who does what he can with a willing heart - is helping - Remember the widow with her mite - I am going to the Red Cross here & doing some very simple work but it has to be done - & it suits me nicely - Clare is quite an experienced person, & is quelling some of the younger ones -

Lily seems to like the life here - Mrs Russell took us to Matane in a motor - only an hour & a half in this way - It must have been over 20 years since I was there, & the place has grown greatly: & the country looked so prosperous new houses & barns everywhere - & girls & women sitting rocking on the galleries, all neat & freshly dressed - & work apparently done - of course there is no scenery, but it is always pleasant to drive along by the

see - Little Cor, & John Eric were here yesterday, playing about, & it will be well for Cor, to do well for the little one imitates him exactly, whatever he does, Cor, wears navy blue pants, & one of the blue striped blouses, that you were familiar with in your young days. He looked so familiar, I even noticed him wiping his little grubby hand on his trousers just as you boys used to -

Uncle Hope is married I suppose, & Grace will be soon back at Rauer. Silvia is still busy with office work - connected with the compulsory enlistment, which must be dull I sh<sup>d</sup> think.

By the way - when you do come to us - remember to send for our book of tickets, you can get a new one, at the 'low rate' by presenting the book at the office. I hope Cor, will be able to run down at week ends being so near. But that will be when he has got things settled down.

There is not much to talk of at present - Eve has scarcely any friends left here, & indeed neither has Clare - Mrs Russell is here nearly every day - & Evelyn Russell is down now, staying at the cottage made of the old howling alley

I was sorry to hear of Mr Grey  
leaving - I sh<sup>d</sup> think him a  
great loss, he seemed a good  
man & true. I hope he may be  
induced to stay, after all -

I see that a flight of youngsters is  
at Shirlsacke for the baby's  
christening -

how a little joke, an English  
man said to a young lady of the S. S.  
I sh<sup>d</sup> think aw - that, aw - it w<sup>d</sup>  
be awfully unpleasant for you  
to be reeled by people aw - who you  
c<sup>d</sup> not ask to dinner -

she replied - Oh no, not at all,  
not nearly so unpleasant as it  
must be for you to be reeled by  
by people who w<sup>d</sup> not ask you to  
dine with them -

I will send you a paper  
shortly with a whole page of dif-  
ferent likenesses of Ketcher -  
most interesting -

Do tell me about Alice &  
dear little Johnnie - I so often  
think of them - Is Alice still char-  
med with her miniature sea  
share? - Dear little person!

A dull note dear but I am  
sleepy - but did not want  
to omit sending you a loving  
greeting - & to remind you I am  
as ever  
Lovingly yours  
Mother