

295 University St  
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Dearest Clara,

I fear that again we will have to part this before we get your letters. If there is any hope of catching the mail later we will send a P. O. - later.

Today is poor little Aggie Coris-  
tin's funeral - I think Muriel has  
borne the burden a good deal  
through all this, & felt herself re-  
sponsible & indeed Dr B. told her  
how hopeless the case was, before he  
told the parents. If you can help  
her to feel what a comfort she is do-  
ing, as it will support her - Both  
Stanley & Charley came down on  
Monday & that will be a comfort to  
Mrs C. - they have always been so  
nice to her. No doubt they will  
have to go back tomorrow. Beatrice  
is no worse - which is a comfort. I  
believe the poor little Aggie was  
distressed to the very end, & has  
not been able to lie down for  
some time. Dr Brown was with  
her when she went. I hope that  
before very long Mrs C. will get  
away with Beatrice.

Ruth has been helping Olive, & done  
marvels in the expediting line -  
Hats, blouses, & a suit - all being  
scurried along - I have given Olive  
my dress time at Miss Marcous  
which came in well, she is having  
her suit-like yours made up, & trav-  
elling in her old brown one, I be-  
lieve she & Mrs Sterling are to stay  
a month longer than Dr S. which  
will be very pleasant for both.

Every one is getting busy with  
spring preparations, & I even saw  
two households moving.

B. S. misses the slide & the hockey  
but as the slide was open till St  
Patrick's day (17<sup>th</sup>) it did very well,  
he is to have extra gymnastics  
in a couple of weeks when the  
students plunge into their exams  
& desert the gym. He is supposed  
to take his preliminaries - this year  
& what he will do, I have no idea  
but Kidder Davis says in a week  
or two, he will drop other work  
& just cram. If you can stir  
him up about this pray do - he  
has done enough mathematics  
for the Matric - but the grammar,  
Arithmetic & History - & declamation  
one cannot parse how he will  
do - I don't think he has ever really  
put his back in to work hitherto  
but he seems to me to be really  
making up - & understanding  
the situation, in being behind  
hand - This is his chance if he dares



got-through these Prelims - I believe<sup>2</sup>  
he will go on all right - & I am  
urging father to see Mr Davis & get  
him coaching or anything to help  
whatever the expense - but you  
know how father takes a black view  
& everything has been frightfully  
expensive this year - light & taxes  
& provisions - & huge fuel bill, the  
winter so long & cold - but the boys  
ought to be started properly, when  
if I have to stop Eva & Lois' drawing  
& music - I will do it - Lois has  
been doing exceedingly well with  
her drawing, & it has not been  
very expensive - you w<sup>d</sup> be sur-  
prised to see how Ruth is improv-  
ing with the pastilles, her last head  
was surprisingly beyond what she  
had done before - the sketching class  
goes on very well -

as time goes on you might  
reflect on the possibility of Ruth going  
to Wavelstock, instead of you - It is  
rather in your interest than hers, but  
might let down if you were anxious  
to get back, but if it suits you & you  
like it, leave it as it is - I do not  
think there can be much risk in  
leaving Bermuda the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Nov. w<sup>d</sup>  
not consider taking a trip to other  
islands to spin out time, w<sup>d</sup> it be any  
more expensive than where you are?  
I sh<sup>d</sup> judge myself that April & May  
w<sup>d</sup> be more enjoyable months, at Ber-  
muda than Feb. & March - & if you  
find the place better when the  
crowd goes - I suppose you can put



off your passage nearer the time  
as there will be no pressure then  
Did you see Mrs Billings, as  
she passed by?

Will is becoming most-  
rapid with his type-writer, & it  
gives him just the kind of training  
that he needs, & that I sent him to  
Miss M. Donnell for. He is doing  
his lessons much better, & begin-  
ning to be ambitious about them  
the turning in the long lane -

I am pasting to you a little  
book which S. W. sent me, & I wish  
you to return it when read, it  
will make a pleasant Sunday  
read for you without hard  
thinking - Next mail I shall  
send you Stael's account of the  
Welsh Revival - which Aunt Eva  
asked me to read on - It is so full  
that so many people don't believe  
in Stael, or his honesty. I believe the  
English papers are full of the Revival  
but I never see them - Music  
seems to be the vehicle used by the  
Spirit, not preaching - What do you  
suppose Paul meant by the hymns &  
spiritual songs that he speaks of in  
two passages? Some regard it as a  
kind of rhythmical prophesying or praising  
others as antiphonal song or chant,  
certainly not psalms - as in Hebrew  
services. Did you ever notice that  
Paul never refers to nature as if he  
admired, or loved it - or went to

animals - he speaks of not muzzling  
the beef & adds - does God care for the  
ox - no - but to teach you - he those  
Paul shows himself the city man, of  
Greek culture, & philosophic thought -  
so different from our Lord's teaching  
or my beloved James, who is full of  
all nature's ways - This is quite  
a new idea to me - I reach far  
as you have studied Paul so much  
I wonder how it strikes you!

But now, off I am - soon  
everyone well & trafficking in.  
So with much love to you &  
hoping you continue to have a  
very pleasant time, & have tas-  
ted the paw-paw - & other fruits -  
a man in California has been  
cultivating the Cactus fruit, & has  
managed to grow it without  
thorns, & in a magnificent size  
& flavour - I believe he has a  
grant from Carnegie, to make  
experiments, & has also made  
apples to grow without cores.

Lovingly  
Mother.