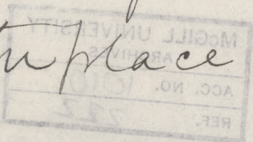


to let you have the cabinet
that your heart has been
set upon for so long.

Of course if you have
ceased to want it I can
give it to one of the other
children. My old desk
might be useful to the boys,
but I fear it is too big for
their room.

I went to church this morning,
but there were very few there
— the choir composed of
three ladies. Dr. Evans is still
away, but a young man held
forth for us as well as he
knew how.

People are trying to come
home from the sea, but still
the place seems deserted.



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Soon, however, we shall all
be back in the mad rush
again. I have heard nothing
of the Russells since my return
and have no idea where they
are.

I am sitting on the back gallery
and every now & then down goes
an apple - generally to destruction
I fear. They are small this
year and a good many of them
imperfect. Yesterday somebody
sent me a present of a nice
little box of pears. I fancy
Hamilton is the donor, but
do not know yet.

Of course I have neuralgia.
Otherwise would write more.

Hoping to see you all soon

Believe me

Your loving father,

