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Dearest William

Yesterday I was so
situated that I had not
time to do more than permit
hastily the fact of our having
reached Lake Side. Your telegram
had not reached us consequently
we were not expected. At first
our welcome was rather dubious
when fully comprehended all
harmes were warm & cordial.

The lucky part of the family are
busy as they can be. Mrs
~~Bancroft~~ is preparing for Annie
to herself leaving tomorrow morning
for Montreal, en route, for
Senayville to place him at
school. In addition to
this a woman who has
come from England in
connection with Miss Barber's
home here & who is busy
at the home where there at
present 22 children a matron

a Miss May a Mrs Parson's &
Miss Barber herself has yesterday
been pronounced to be
sick with small pox. I need
not tell you what a shock
this is to the family here as
how many consultations & plans
it has given rise to. I went
to the village with Mrs Duncan
yesterday afternoon. talked
to Miss Barber from the garden
gate & went here & there for
disinfectants Carbolic soap
the first plan was to remove

all the children to the drill shed
but difficulties arose that could
not be surmounted so that
the heat that could be effected
was to separate the woman. The
panic in the village is very
great but Mr. Hester who has
spent his whole time for two
days has now got a nurse. I
has sent a distance of 10 miles
for a person they hope will be
induced to come to work for
the Home. if they succeed even
should some of the children

sicken. These arrangements
will be prepared for carrying
it on as a hospital & except
for their anxiety on Miss Barbara's
account the busting here will
be over. Yesterday it was very
cold today it is lovely & mild.
George has been off in the
morn. the greater part of both
yesterday & today. Today I have
been left very much to myself.
took a walk by the lake in
the forenoon. I sat by my bedroom
window looking out of the open

once a charming landscape
I darned some stockings for Mr
Sumner I now give this from the
same lonely spot as the sun is
about to set behind the hills
at the opposite side of the lake
As I want to have another walk
before tea I shall close.

Tell Eva she will I am sure
have a happy time here with
Lucie who is just six months
younger & out of doors all day long
Rankine will be delighted with
horses & cows summer able. There pigs
pigeons geese turkeys.

Interrupted

With love

Margaret