

Mamma
My

Birkenhead. Little Intis
Thursday.

Dear William

Our son William
left us this morning about
six o'clock & I have just come
down from watching the pilot
boat reaching the steamer, & the
steamer again in motion, at
9 o'clock. He got a comfortable hot
breakfast before he left, so that
the early start was only another
hour or two of fresh air added
to his big heliery. It is a fine
day with a stiff southerly breeze.

Bonnie, Anna tells me, intends
to come down to be here by Sat.

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As we shall not be long with-
out the protection of the male sex.
I wish you could have accompanied
him. Do you best to come earlier
than the end of next week. In
regard to our hours, at the College,
it is my decided wish to keep it
open so long as this are two of
the family to be provided for. I
cannot think the most scrupulous
could find any impropriety in that
arrangement. I told Clara & Maggie
that probably they would have
a fortnight's holiday, or perhaps
three weeks, in August & gave direc-
tions about presences &c. I should
think the cleaning, washing quilts
&c. would give them employment

3. for the whole of July. The
Carpets are all to be relaid before
they leave. Anna will return
before the 1st of August & will
see that the house is in order &
properly closed & if W. is alone by
that time he can dine ^{at his} ~~there~~ &
sleep at home.

About money I do not wish
you to send me any. I have
honoured \$5. from W. & I think
that will carry me on until
you come. I had \$20. when
I left. \$5 was spent on extra
Pulman's coats &c before we reached
the Cottage. Provisions have cost
\$6 or \$7. so I am all right for ten
days to come.

We have had the weather
my own again - today could

I hope to write to Eva today.
From what she says, & the letters
from princes let us know, everything
promises to be very satisfactory. I don't
think it likely that she will go from
the Crans to London, which it
is so nice to think will please
I suit S's plans. Both times
is up. So good by dear old William
yours lovingly
Margaret

