

Mamma little Mitis  
Sunday

My dear William

your letter received  
last night gives an acc<sup>t</sup>. of an over-  
whelming amount of work to be done  
& difficulties to be combated which makes  
me feel sad & guilty for having left  
you - although my remaining wd<sup>l</sup> in  
all probability only here in some  
ways added to the trouble, besides wasting  
time by not being able to ask strangers  
to the house. Here I have quite a some-  
what leisure to consider your College work  
& to pray that your soul may be so steady

Sad, that your<sup>2</sup> may be kept in peace.  
That the way may be smoothed  
towards the accomplishment of what  
is most for the interests of those  
who are to be benefited by its work  
now or in the future. I may be  
not to forget that the thwarting of our  
plans is sometimes the direct road  
to better things. Notwithstanding  
all your gloomy perchellings of  
determination in town I am gaining  
to hope to see you by the end of  
this week. As to our visitors I have  
lost all track of them & this intention  
I sh<sup>d</sup> suppose that they wd make  
this appearance this week & my mail  
may bring them into touch again so I  
don't trouble myself. The weather is

lately but the<sup>3</sup> air cold. The  
cherry trees, both cultivated & wild,  
are in full blossom, but the  
dog-woods & other late shrubs & trees  
are not yet in full leaf. In getting  
a hole for refuse dug yesterday the boy  
told me he found the ground  
hard frozen. It was dug under the  
shade of a spruce. The plants I brought  
are remaining, of course they will be later  
in flowering but on no account take  
the trouble of bringing more. I feel  
strongly tempted to dig up the rose trees,  
double or single of them will grow  
again from the roots but it will take  
years to again size enough to have  
blossoms of any account & they hence  
already cost me more trouble than

any pleasure they have given. The  
one thing that distresses me is the fear  
that you will regret it. As we have  
lost so much there & are no pleasures  
in our garden in Montreal it will  
be a pity to miss your pleasure here,  
let us be wise your decision. I have  
been the strip of a magnificent & variety  
of clambions.

I will enclose a note to Ena in  
case she takes Montreal en route  
to Paris otherwise it is not to be per-  
warded to her. I suppose you have  
acknowledged the receipt of the bracelet from  
Mrs Spink. For Ena's thanks I fear she must  
wait till E. sees it or comes here. As Mrs  
is in England the time will not seem long.  
Some of the children are all well & so are  
I. - it is so delightfully peaceful here that one  
soon recovers from the fatigue of more physical  
labour. I am sure you will do your utmost to get

omitted - something to  
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