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Dearest mammae,
As it is Friday
of course I sit down to write, ~~but~~
I must say that it seems very
stupid work to be always writing
& never hearing receiving an answer.
What a long time it does take to
get the chain of communication
established! It seems such a very
long time since you left, & still
we have heard nothing, however I
suppose this silence will soon end
as we will be sure to hear by the
next mail. Mrs Greber came up
the other day in a state of great
joy, it seems that Mr Molson has
given him the place of steward
on board some boat of his, & Mrs
Molson has engaged Mrs Greber to
take care of her house for her
during her absence in summer
so they are quite easy in their
minds, & the poor thing feels very

glad that she has not got to leave
Montreal & begin all over again
she particularly requested that I
would tell you all about it.

By the way Mrs Picard intends
to leave the Bible Work as she
has had something offered to her
by her own church, which will
limit her work to her own im-
mediate neighbourhood & suit her
much better in every way, Miss
Lynn (whom I met at lunch, at
the Campbells) did not seem to
know what to do about it, & wish-
ed to know what your thought
about it.

We have been leading quite
a gay & festive life this week, the
Wurrans asked me to a small
party at their house, & as I so mor-
tally offended them by my last
refusal, I very unwillingly consented
to go, I was quite unhappy at the
thought of keeping poor William
up so late to come for me, when fortu-
nately I discovered the Baynes's were
going & as the best of a bad bargain
went under their wing, spent a
very stupid evening, in a dreadfully

hot room, I did not want to wear
my grey silk, as I am rather tired
of it, so I rummaged out that old
low-necked black silk waist of
yours & wore it with the Carlton
sleeve dress, & those everlasting blue
beads, it made a very pretty dress
indeed, & was quite a change.
On Wednesday Eva, Harriet & I
went down to the Selwyns before
dinner & staid all day, William
came down to tea, the children
seemed to enjoy themselves very much
& on the whole it was very nice, &
certainly very kind of them to ask
us. Then last night we had Jessie
Mr. Limont & Linda at dinner, the
former does not look very ill but
is not at all strong, & requires any
amount of petting & looking after
which exactly suits Linda as she
delights in "coddling people" - how
what do you think of our very
gay ways, you know you ordered
us not to "mope", but perhaps you
think so much gaiety is bad for
us, however we all have managed
to survive it pretty well.

William though getting better every day, it is some weeks before coming out on his back and going to take away his distress with far a faint iron, Eva has been free from little pains, I have him seems a string of very much sun-burnt hair, rather troublesome & independent at the first of the week, but has been as good as possible for the last few days. Maria's behavior admirably & waits for the salt water etc. every night she does not get in the least flurried, she takes the best little care, she is not in the least careless, the greatest trouble with her is, that sometimes she laugh of the children, but I will not say that I am twice as much as I have been before, I am passing the day myself, a horse which will at every noise as the sanguinaria are out