

nothing more de-
 lightful than to
 return her sea-
 side experience
 with us - I am
 enjoying this quiet
 by myself, the first
 week I did not
 feel well the week
 was so cold that
 it brought on my
 old trouble but
 now I seem to
 have quite returned
 to me & I begin to
 fancy that I can
 run very shortly
 over any ~~part~~
 of ~~the~~
 coast to see & I
 remember with the
 certainty that I am
 sure to see & say good
 bye to
 be feeling the house quite
 desolate, now that so many
 have deserted it. I had the
 idea that papa intended to
 leave so soon I was a little
 sorry to hear of William's
 accompanying him, for I had
 thought the engineering part
 much the best for him for
 papa's geologising seems to weary
 every one but himself. I
 hear that Mrs & Miss Fleming
 have some intention of camping
 out on the Kestegouche & so
 William wd not have been
 cut-off from the good influences
 of society. I am sorry that
 the family alarmed themselves
 so much about my cold -
 after a two days had I more
 ache, it wound up in the usual

way by my nose bleeding & now is quite a thing of the past - The weather has been beautifully bright for the last few days, but the air is still decidedly cool, we still have fires in the morning & evening, I am quite longing for some really warm weather, when the air shall be hot as well as the sun -

On Tuesday we, (that is Jane, Carrie Moffatt, Dr W. & myself) went to hear Mr Purshott's fare-well lecture on "Florence & the Florentines" It was a very interesting one, & in his usual grand style I was delighted that he took the occasion to speak strongly about the total corruption of the Romish Church & the evil of returning to its errors in any form. Still I did not think this lecture quite equal to the "Kew. note" -

Mrs W. has not yet returned. Carrie Moffatt staid two days with us, I have spoken of your

kind invitation for the summer
which I ought to thank you
for as I feel sure you shall
love it more for my sake than
for your own. But I feel a
little puzzled to know what
to do, for Mrs Bell having
been so delicate the chief reason
for Mrs W & James' going to
the sea is on her account &
to go with her. now these visitors
w^d be rather too much of a
good thing, so I don't know
whether to try & induce James
to come to us alone, or w^d you
care to make an arrangement
to share the house with the
Wilson's party of three, I am sure
they w^d be pleasant even as
such near neighbours & then
they w^d pay part of the rent &
be responsible for house-
keeping as before. I fancy that
they w^d much like such a
proposal, but I do not of course
suggest it till you tell me
what are your wishes in the
matter. For my own part
I w^d rather have James when I

could introduce her to all our
friends, but still I fear it is
rather impracticable to get her
away from home in winter.
Of course most of our friends
will be at balsorne & Murray
Bay, & we can have them over.
May I don't think there could be
any unpleasantness in sharing
the house for Mrs W. is the
most care going of mortals &
at the same time particular
enough not to be an aggravation
to you. I would like you to tell
me what you decide about it
as soon as possible for Dr W.
leaves early in June & they
will want their summer
movements settled soon. Don't
wait to write to papa for that
will make it very late.

We lunched at the bayleys
tattety yesterday & had a nice
long afternoon reading &
working. People here don't think
of having lunch parties till just
time for dinner. Mr John
Bayley came in while we were
at lunch, & we heard all about

his daughters marriage to Dr
Wolfstam. On Friday we are
to take tea at the Adams
you see we are very quiet
& read & work a good deal.

You will be pleased to
learn that the very first day
I arrived Jamie inquired after
the window cushion -

I think you have not taken
in the truth about George's
detention, he did not miss the
boat & I believe the rest of
the party adhered to their origin-
al purpose at least George
said nothing to the contrary,
& the reason of his detention
was the ice, I was very sorry
not to have had the pleasure
of introducing him to some
of the people here -

Last Sunday I went to
the Cathedral here the great
inducement being that I was
offered a class in Sunday school
which was without a teacher.
The school begins at 9 o'clock. My class
were gentle girls of from 13 to 18
& I enjoyed teaching them very

much. Though I did not enjoy
the morning service, the sermon
was very good though I was
much disappointed afterwards
that Mr. Purnham had preached
that morning. In which Janie
fully sympathized with me.
The earnest N. Y. girls here
growing out of Church bonds
despite themselves, & Sophie Bayly
w^o leave I think if there were
anywhere better to go, but I don't
feel it my mission to bring
people out of their churches as
long as they know & witness
against - the evil in them, it
does not very much matter -
A lady here has asked me to
try & get her a pamphlet of
Mr. Kayner's so I do enclose a
note which you will please
send over - My last news from
Mina was very good, her eye
really seems to be perceptibly
stronger, & she is growing more
hopeful of a termination to her
long illness. Janie sends best
love to you & was just giving me
a message from William when I re-
gretted that he w^o be at home to receive
it - Janie also says that from her recol-
lections of because she can't imagine