

More about the Haddlemore and
his boys - a picnic for them -
afterwards Music & Scupper in
house - Anna did not partake
of wine!

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My dearest Mamma,
Many thanks
for your long letter & also
for the cuffs which were
most acceptable, I never was
in a more dusty place than
Toronto every thing white will
so soon -

Summer has come at last
& Mrs. Wilson is busy in
putting out flowers in the
garden which though not
very large, seems to have
room for any number of
flowers, & in which there
are several charming little
rockeries & inviting garden
seats. Altogether ^{just} such a
manageable little garden as
you wd delight in, Mrs W.
seems quite in her element
armed with a watering pot
& crowned with a large straw

hat - I have so many things
to tell you about that you
must not expect fine com-
position but only dry facts.

On Saturday we all went
out to the Mc Kenzie's about
two of the news boys had
all arrived long before, &
were resting in the shade of
some fine old fir trees near
the house after a little we
went down to the river's
edge (the Don) where there is
a flat green sward. The
boys aided by several gentle-
men played football, a
few of the smaller ones am-
used themselves by gathering
flowers, & presenting them to
us, so before long our hands
were filled with bouquets
we all talked to the boys
& made ourselves as agreeable
as possible, before tea all the
boys went off to have a bath
& then came to the house
& all sat down on the lawn
a table was spread there &
we passed round iced

quantities of sandwiches
tarts, cake etc. I really
counters cups of tea & coffee
were drunk - then Mr
McKenzie made them a
little speech, & afterwards
nuts oranges & figs were
thrown on the grass from
the gallery & the boys seemed
thoroughly to enjoy scrambling
for them. Then they
went off to build a bon-fire
& we went in & had a
heavy tea, over twenty sat
down I think. Then there
was a lovely sun-set, just
as if it had been ordered
for the occasion, then we
went to the wharves & saw
the fire lighted & fire
works set off. The fire &
the people & the wharves made
the loveliest picture possible.
Then the boys cheered every body
the drum included &
marched off to their lodging.
I we retired to the house
& enjoyed a little music,
cake & wine of Mr McKenzie's own

manufacturer, I don't want to
say that I personally partook
of the last named, for I
did not. Carrie & Sophie
came home with us.

Mr Middlemore is so
very nice, we all like him
better each day he stays, he
is such a perfect gentleman
& so in earnest about his
work & now that his rheum
is wearing off, he is more
sociable, I asked him if he
w^d not stay at our house
on his way through Montreal
I don't know whether he will
or not, but at any rate he
is not a person you need
to be put out about.

I want you please to
send me a photo of yourself
the Wilson's have only one of
those hurried old ones - also
the receipts for the cheese -
puddings & Dundee marmalade
also, a calendar of the Science
Department for Dr Wilson. He
particularly wishes one.

Now what do you think

I have taken upon myself
to do - to begin practicing
lessons at least - I am to
begin today, Julia McKenzie
the most charming girl -
was going to have lessons
out of Duars, from nature,
from the best master here,
Mr Koch. so I went down
& asked him if he wd let me
have a few lessons first -
while I stayed, & he was quite
willing, his charge is \$5.00 for 10
lessons & I will try & take
five, two a week if he is
any good at all I feel I
will learn ever so much
even in so few lessons, then
I can practice all summer
& thought - you wd not mind
the expense when it will be
such an advantage to me &
as the Wilsons have promised
me a picnic to the falls, (they
go 4 or 5 times every summer)
that went - he made so im-
pressive as the trip we had
planned.

The McKenzies have the
most beautiful place I am
a large piece of the woods &

river bank so I will not
only have the pleasure of
Julia's company, but abundant
sketching ground. The McKenzies
are very good people & did
belong to the Brethren, but
have left them & now are
just holding aloof from all
till they see some way open.
The family consists of Mr & Mrs
McK - Julia & a married
daughter & her husband.

Do you know whether
Mary Hunt has been going
to the Bay - or not? I sh^d
not like the poor things to
be in want; perhaps you
might remind the Bible
Women about them.

Capt. Bell has decided
to take Mrs Bell to Gaspi,
as he is going with her, the
Wilsons are left - more free
& promise us a visit, but
not a long one as you sug-
gested, at least Mrs W. thinks
she will go to Mrs Bell when
Capt. B. returns home. I
dare say Jamie will stay with
us longer. I will of course have

all this arranged more
definitely before I leave
I shall have to buy
myself a summer sun hat
for the weather is now so
warm that sketching will
be unpleasant - without I
need one at any rate.

There are such lovely
mounds near here, Mrs W
I had a delicious ramble
them the other day, I brought
back numbers of wild
flowers.

I don't think I told you
that Allen barrels & Mrs
Barry had been to see me
Walter barrels gave a kettle-
dinner a few days ago, James
& I were there, it was in-
terribly stupid.

I have been interrupted
here to assist in gardening
& the putting out of flowers &
watering them has taken
up so much time that I
shall have to hurriedly
wind this up.

I had a short note from
George the other day, but did

not forward it - as he said
he had just written a long
letter to you - I have
heard nothing more of Mr
Flaming's movements - Tell
William that I have sent
a copy of his paper to the
reading-rooms of the University
Trinity & King's College. The
other copy I keep to show to
any one who may turn up
Anna's last letter to me was
a very sad one telling of the
death of her uncle Genl. Kerol &
her grandmother, both within
a week - How does your
Mrs Baynes take our mother's
loss, I must try & write her
a few lines if I have time
left - I don't know what I shall
say, letters of condolence are so
difficult to write -

Your loving daughter
Anna