

George

Bella Bella

June 8.

Dear Mother,

As George has written at some length I believe, I shall only write a scrap.

In the first place I want to ask you to send a few English Gospels, printed separately, & also a testament (those ordinary cheap ones I mean). I want them for the men who are I think much in need of such instruction. It is a terribly Godless part of the world this. No one seems to think or care anything about religion of any sort, & all apparently regard it as a sort of old fashioned out of date thing. This is especially the case among working men, miners &c.

We have now been a long time on the way from Victoria. We left a week ago last Monday & now it is Saturday. Bella Bella

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where we hope to be in an hour or two if the wind continues, is I believe a Hudson Bay Post. From it we shall proceed across to the Queen Charlotte Ids.

Our cook is going to be quite a success I think. He cooks very well & keeps things beautifully clean, besides wasting very little. For the last few days we have been succrating in venison which we bought from a white man who is living near Queen Charlotte Id. & who sold us the whole deer for \$4.00, about 60 or 70 lbs. I suppose.

I send a few little star fish which if father doesn't care for them himself may be useful for the museum. They are from Queen Charlotte Id. & were all that came up in one haul of this dredge which we took there.

Will you kindly ask Eva to get for me one of George Colliotes novels any one except Romola, Silas Marner or Mill on the Cross. She will probably know which is the best.