

hours in garden

Little Metis

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Dearest - Mother,

Many thanks for
your letter recording your suc-
cessful journey to Wales, the idea
of renting a house for two weeks
travellers were formidable to me,
but when no hotel arrangements
have to be considered, or any special
I suppose buying catanels does
not count for so much. I've
certainly had been very much
frustrated in getting through such
a crisis, so easily, & recovering so
well. & the red-violet will probably
do both her, & the baby grand, that
Liverpool folks can scarcely find
the sea such a change, as we
mountainers do.

I think that though all the
cottages are full, or nearly all that
fewer people are at the hotels,
the road seems quieter, & we have
had no shouting or "carrying on"
after dark. The servants about
us too, are well-behaved & respectful
which makes a great difference
Every thing continues to go well
with us, & the only regret is that the
season flies past so rapidly. Miss
Sterling came down looking very pale.

I aged - & evidently very depressed
about herself but she has re-
solved wonderfully. I had a 5-
tree yesterday for her & Mrs Plim-
mer who looks most-ghostly & frail
Mrs Frank, Miss Fairlie - Mrs Rock
& Harriet were here, but - it was to
make a little change for the two
old ladies who are not allowed
out at night & so on I seem to
lose so much of the see-side pleasure
& our garden is better than ever
& we have quantities of flowers
to give away. The roses are es-
pecially fine & the magnolia open
died. We have been much
troubled by Mr Artie's horses
getting into our "compound" &
I warned Mr Castle by message
by personal interview, so when
one morning early I found the
horses in, for the 5th time, I
just held them caught & tied
up at the back of the house. I kept
them there till the middle of the
afternoon, while the accuser was
died in all directions for them
& then I sent to tell them to come
for them - It was rather a good
joke & I rather think we won't
have the horses in again for
some time.

Bernard got down last week
& looks very fairly well, but still

action to quiet his thoughts felt is on his way out,
his behavior is charmed with the place
& his children seem to enjoy every thing - as
they are great friends of the Bible, we do not see
so much of them as former - but the prospects
of the are in better training, this summer of the
little boys are remarkably improved - as are the
two little boys - so we have a much more
pleasant time on the boat. - I was present at
together - Miss Fisk's has been having a little
Memorial school for her son, the last two days
of - she gave of the two days before at Mrs
Hicks - she children seemed to please & go
Miss J. had - year that I thought she must have
got - but she says that I think that she is not
all what - I will call you & tell you very one who
she gives short - by Mrs Richards I thought they are
seem to like it - so that is perhaps the best of
and Carpenter expects to do some on the 24th of
is going to take her servant - & determine to go
days - he at the College on the 1st of Sept - long good way

well at the Fleet - Mrs Hunt-
like her & Lucy seems a really
disappointed with the place & gets
out - & about a good deal she
said to Mrs F. that she did not
know whether she could stay with
you this winter for she feared
the work hard - Saw C. & that
he & I only repeat this as a hint
for every thing seemed to go so
smoothly last winter - I fear
got what arrangement you would
for the evening last year?

Dave is looking exceedingly
well & has dug out some new
features of interest in the sponge
reef. & goes there frequently & brings
up his results, he comes down
upon the shore too, for a quarter
of an hour before dinner, which
gives him a little change & says
& F. seems to buy all the delicacies
of fish, flesh & fowl, to feed
him upon so I think he does
as well as can be expected
in your absence -

The weather has not been
so fine, as the last two summers
rather on the cold side, & however
still we all jog on very well -

Alice Oliver was here for a short
time, but Ethel failed to meet her
as she had expected - & the fishing
was poor so Dr O. was not amused.

they left - earlier than expected -
but two eldest sons are in office
so she only had Daisy & the small son

I don't think there is any chance
of Mary's - being married on this
side, she does not seem at all to
incline to the idea, indeed she has
been very much excited over an idea
that she wd go home at once wd
wd oblige it to go up to town with
her, or risk her being independent
or involving herself in some diffi-
culty - I think she is contented to
wait - now till the 9th. The only
thing that has occurred to me in the
present - time, is a pretty 5th tea table
I fancy there are plenty to be had, but
if catches the prettiest are hard, wanted.
Mr. Fleet - told us - that Mr. Sheer
had said, that Frankine had made a
"good haul" in some of his speculations
so I suppose that is what he is going
on just now - Does he still intend to
come out?

Was Dick Mc Donnell is dead, he
went to Musser Key & ^{there} went down hill
rapidly - Dr. Shepherd had to go for him &
had great difficulty in bringing him home
an embolism was existing at Montreal
once there he rapidly sank - A very
sad loss to his wife, mother, & sisters.

Napa tells me he has had news
of you, but goes into no details
I love to hear of the little ramblers
& kind greetings to the Craigs & friends
generally - with much love for yourself
Anna