

Little Mates.  
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Dearest Mother,

I wrote such a wretched  
little scribble to you yesterday under the  
impression that it was the last available  
moment - I am quite ashamed of  
having sent it - We begin to be  
little quiet here, parties leaving  
daily. Her present idea is that her  
sister leave on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> I am  
afraid of taking the two little ones to  
France had both being busy in  
working through teeth - They neither  
seem much troubled with them but  
but baby having a sick day last week  
warned me of the risk of too early change  
to town. The arrangements as to trains  
may modify our views though I am  
inclined to think that the 9<sup>th</sup> of settling  
we'd not be so bad as it sounds -  
In coming down I found it quite a relief  
not to have to take out night-trips  
I think all the children have benefited  
greatly by the summer - though Kate  
still gives indications of not having strength  
equal to her rapid growth, she looks  
very well & if she seems especially  
tired I let her stay a long day in bed  
which saves much friction, any more  
fatigue making her irritable.

We had a delightful children's service  
at the far church today, every one turning  
out & traveling the church & our pastor  
Lagie, & papa giving short addresses  
papa & B. my self & a great of the  
infantry set out on a long walk on

Saturday to a lovely road back in the  
casualty, & coming home all got pretty  
well drenched with rain - but did  
not hurt any of us -

I think you will find papa  
looking very well, he has had a  
troubled time & seems pretty well  
pleased with the amount of work he  
has accomplished, which is a good thing, &  
he has got out a great deal for him  
in the new boat. which is capital  
exercise for him.

If all goes as we plan you  
will find Mary & Clara in the house  
& everything in order, Lucy will go  
as soon as Mrs Fleet - goes up say the  
8<sup>th</sup> of Sept so you will not be long  
in any unsettled condition

The electrical Congress meets on  
the 7<sup>th</sup> & I hear that 500 people are  
coming to attend it - & a committee  
is to be given the mission on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
so you may come in in time for it  
There will be so much to talk  
over when we meet - I hope Eva has  
coloured the difficult - problem of a  
name ere now

With love

Anna

I am ashamed to hear that I did not thank  
you for the sun-bonnets - they came all right &  
are very handsome - Ruth has worn one a  
great deal. Claire fancies that she is too  
big for sun-bonnets - & as she happened to  
have a large hat & two more little girls  
are following on - I did not insist. Mrs  
Fleet wears sun bonnets all summer & has  
had baby but they were the old & smaller  
ones that you brought from New York - & the  
one paper got in England etc - the new ones  
will come as fast time later on