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My dear Mother,

Your kind note
received this morning
& I thank you for good wishes
although birthdays have
become too numerous to
warrant of a gratification
now. There is nothing
particularly new to report
here beyond very unseasonable
cool or even cold weather
but at all the loved things

for Midsummer. My
 own plans now pretty
 definitely include a trip
 up to Athabasca this
 month & staying 1 or 2
 for weeks unless you
 happen to stay there late.
 I don't just know when
 I shall get away, but it
 will be a matter of a
 couple of weeks between
 going & return I suppose.
 The place to be reached
 is about a hundred miles
 beyond railway, to the

northward. There have
 been a couple of sad
 drowning accidents near
 here lately. One last week in
 which three brothers were lost
 & another today in which
 a young fellow in Williams's
 department was drowned
 while boating. There are
 about the only waters of
 Conant. Otherwise Ottawa
 is very quiet, Ministers
 & others all scattered off

to various places looking
 after their interests or taking
 their pleasure. Kind words
 to Father. I hope he is taking
 his leisure & enjoying life
 without worrying or wanting
 to do anything. I hope too
 the Joffins should I think be
 the only adventures of the
 summer. I was very glad to
 hear that it turned out
 so well.

Your
 Surge