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Dearest Mother,

We hope by to-mor-

row to hear again of your
welfare but hitherto letters to
you have had to be passed
before yours reached us, so no im-
mediate reply has been possible

I have rather fancied that
the crawling & noise & high price
have prevented your being as
comfortable, as we had expected
but I sh^d supposed that when the
crowd departed the last week in
March, that you may find things
much more to your liking -

I sh^d not fancy that leaving
on April 22nd was much rash,
but if meanwhile you were
finding life very pleasant
you cd no doubt then put off

your sailing as the crowd will
be away - I am told that many
N.Y. ladies buy their evening
gloves, veils - lace etc. at Bermuda
as there being no duty on English
goods, these luxuries are very
cheap.

Our snow still lies moun-
tains high in our back yards;
fully 6 or 7 feet still opposite
your back door & both the
Mearns & ourselves having fine
collections, but the heaps on the
streets are sinking, & on St. Cath.
a very few days will see
the snow gone.

Kuth is much engaged in
helping blive, as only last Sat-
urday or Sunday "daddy" de-
cided to take her also to Italy.
& of course this made a great
ferment; about-clothing etc.
she & Kuth by their united
energy & perseverance, have
begotten various dressmakers

to work out the needed amount.
I don't suppose we shall see much
of Ruth till after tomorrow night.
I am very glad that Steve is going,
& I believe Mr & Mrs. Mother are to stay
a month longer than Dr. Stirling, who
will be delightful for both - He'll
have a long letter from Rachel long
before they leave home a very early
winter, but Spring will be almost
blissful & other beauties is never
breaking upon them - I have heard
nothing of Mrs. Kennedy & her & how
they have fared.

W's. feel very sorry for poor Mrs.
Caroline, who has had such a heavy
and long time for two years back &
now has seen the John with what
suffer greatly till the very last.
She presumes to be this afternoon.

Prof's return tells me that Adelaide Campbell is again very poorly - I have seen her once since you left - & was much struck by her look of age & frailty. Her spirit is still wonderfully strong & cheerful -

I have heard nothing of her at Mr Lewis' since you left. I told her that Mr Beck's cottage was to rent - at \$300.00, "a friend" - but had no idea whether it was corn or wheat his return as not

Thomas went - I will tell the last one - myself - so we cannot go by her - I had thought Mr & Mrs Wright - have his cottage & I think I want to go to England this week to be exact. You will see if I possibly prefer to take Helen that way - well, Mrs Winters Conard gets work for the summer I have not a chance for her - Conard has had five offers for a commission in the Fish Commission of Canada

farce at \$960 - as far the first year
of which about \$500. as w^d be
needed for his kit still it is
not a bad pay - but I sh^d not
have liked him to go in for that
sort of life & was glad when he
decided to decline it, which he
did on his own account after
talking the matter over with
Major Panet. It is satisfactory
that those over him, sh^d have
given him the preference. He
w^d like to come to McGill & get his
degree here, which w^d mean one
or two years, according to the
course he takes. Beluard was
inclined to think he had better
turn out now, & work his way
up - but I think it rather a
hard case, if after paying making
the university, & his own father
telling for it all his life, that
the Gov. sh^d not be allowed to
benefit, if he has the wish to - he
is only 20. He is going to have
trouble about summer work
though, as he does not get out till

June 22^d 190⁰ & I hear every one that
has jobs is busied with applications
& all the College men are free in
April - I hear the business men in a
body want such work - & young
English men are bringing every
kind of influence to bear upon
government friends. Just to get
out West - & see the country.
Victor thinks he will get some-
thing, but nothing definite is
in view yet; only exams, & exams
& exams - I am weary of them.
Victor looks very well though, &
has some good solid friends
whom I like.

Spring is coming now, we
have some funny wellaus in a
nose, which have come out in
the house, & no doubt we will
be afflicted with demands for
new clothing, as soon as the
winter is over - B.S. is the most
serious one, as nothing ready
made, will fit him, & indeed

Luis wants a good deal of covering.

Will has become most expert with his typewriter, & it has been entirely a good training for him - He is also beginning to be ambitious about his school work, & will be ready for a real boys school next year. Ruth has worked hard in getting him into good methods of work.

But there have been so many interruptions in this last year that my ideas have fled -

I want to remind you that though you did not at the time enjoy Lakewood & Pomona much, that you were more able to enjoy several summers - & I have no doubt that being away from the severe cold, & the languor of spring will, will

enable you to save up strength
for the Inlet's campaign.

With much love
Anna

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confidential.

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