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Dear Anna

You will think
me a very bad boy for
not writing to you before
but when you hear why
I hope you will change
your mind; when you
wrote to me I was in
Chatham and so wrote
and sent it up to me, but
I had started to come
home before it had
arrived and so I have
been waiting for it
to answer you, but
I seem to wait in vain
for it does not come
but I intend to write
up to Cassin's for
it. Now I must try to give
you the news though there
is very little of it.

In the first place I must
tell you about my visit
to Bushing's; I had a first-
rate time we bathed
every day except Sundays
we had not much
boating, one day we
hooked the ferry-man's
boat (which was rather
the worse for wear) and
pulled up to an island.
it was rather hard
pulling especially when
we came to the rapids
we all got well ducked
for Fred. Bushing who
was steering brought
us broad side to the
waves, but we in re-
splashed ~~at~~ him with
our oars, but we all
got safe home. I must
now tell you about
Montreal amusements
George has come to

stay at home now he ^{looks} ~~looks~~
like a spotted Lynx or as
if some one had pitched
a basket of strawberries
in his face. The 78th

Highlanders have come
to town and are camp-
ing out on Logans farm.

I have joined the swimming
bath and am improving.
I can swim a good bit
with one hand and can
swim the whole length
of the bath with two.

I study one hour every
day so as not to let my
self forget what I learn.

As I was going to the
swimming bath to day
I saw some people stand-
ing at the door of the
dead house (which is
on the side of the river
where they put people
that are drowned)
so I and some ^{two} other

boys that were with me
(Aeneas Archer was one) looked
in and saw a little boy
in his coffin and some
men were placing
his legs in a different
position and I thought
his head moved but
I don't think it could
the other boys said
they thought so too but
I think it was only a
fancy.

I must now say
good bye I remain yours
affectionately

Ada. Baynes

P.S I will write to Miss
Georg and William
next post