

P.S. (I know you will read this first just because it should be read last) I have read this afternoon two chapters of one of Maria's books which Popa gave me, I found it quite interesting which I did not expect.

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Dear Anna

I am not quite sure, & have just been trying to remember whether I wrote last to you or Mamma. If however I make a mistake in the reverse please remind me, & I will not write to you for two weeks & so make up. Last week's letter arrived far too late to answer by return, that is to say it only got here last Saturday (yesterday) & so I hope to have the pleasure of answering another before I post this next Thursday.

Mamma at last writes definitely about coming & mentions the day when she & Popa mean to sail, & also when they expect to arrive. Of course it is a great pleasure for me to look forward to, to see them again so soon. I hope

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However that Papa will not  
overwork himself in getting his  
preparations made. I only wish I  
could see you, & all the rest at the  
same time, but if things go on  
well I suppose I must not have  
that pleasure for some time to come.

Mamma says that they hope to  
arrive here about Tuesday April 19  
but she must not flatter herself  
on arriving so soon, for if the  
letters are to be depended on as a  
criticon, (& I think they would be  
sent on as fast as possible) the  
general time of arrival is about Thursday,  
sometimes Friday, & once (last week)  
as late as Saturday.

You mention in yours last my  
spelling, I know it is very bad, &  
Mamma proposed to correct it by

return. As she has not done so  
I had just begun to flatter myself  
that it was improving. Perhaps  
you would take the trouble to  
correct any flagrant errors.

The Lord Bishop of London was preaching  
today in a church near here & so I  
took the opportunity of going to hear him.  
His name is Jackson. He gave us a  
very passable sermon, & spoke  
very clearly, but does not seem  
much of an orator.

Mr Bishop was kind enough to ask  
me to dinner with him last Friday  
& afterwards to hear Mr Reed, Chief  
constructor, or something of that kind  
in the Navy on iron built ships of  
war. It was at the Royal Institution  
& very interesting.

You seem to have had, from all  
accounts a horribly "thawey" winter.

fear however that the expectations of  
spring of which you speak will be nipped  
in the bud, for you are bound to have  
the cold sometime.

This is the fourth week that no Witness  
has come, & there is consequently a vast  
hiatus in Montreal news. The  
Witness when it does come contains  
very little Montreal news, being for the  
most part occupied with, "Temperance tales,"  
"Childrens corners," "selections", &c. & only  
a <sup>very</sup> short weekly summary of Montreal  
occurrences. Though so weakly (quite  
milk & water, in fact) I am quite content  
when it arrives regularly. If J.J.

Does not stay at home I mind his  
own business a little more you must  
certainly bring an action of damages against  
him. (I would not in the first instance  
lay them at more than £10,000; as it  
would not do to be too hard on him, & put  
him to put his whole tub-<sup>bed</sup> in the market at  
once) With very best loves, ever yours  
George.