

M^{rs} Gill College

Dec 30th 1870

My very dearest - Anna

Your letter arrived
the day of the Shine, & bits
of it were read aloud, (by
myself) to all anxious friends
Your Mother among the rest -
much to their good, no doubt,
as for the evening itself all
went off very well, Mr S. B. B.
B. B. was remarkably agreeable
& Dr Pod, was just as nice
as could be, & told us lots of
stories, we had rather a
nice time on the whole.

On Tuesday Papa returned
home bringing Annie & Lou,

Wylmer to spend two or
three weeks, much to my
sorrow, fancy two such girls
to look after & amuse &
then weep, for me, I have
not-time to do so for myself
I feel so mad, especially as
I got a letter from Miss Kilbuck
asking me to go up to Marchmont
as soon as I could, & of course
now that is knocked on
the head, & I shall not be
able to go at all, for Christmas
week is all I could give
from my German, Alfred
is flirting with Susie & has
taken her out for a drive
this afternoon, oh dear I do
wish you would get engaged
to someone nice in Toronto
& then no one would object
to your looking after him

when you get home.

On Wednesday we had
all the small Bells & Reddy
up to tea & a fine sow
we had what with games
& ^{co} do you know there is a
great deal more fun to be had
at childrens shins than
at any thing else, I really
did enjoy myself, and then
there is nothing to disappoint
you, when you expect nothing.
I am going down to see G. &
L. this evening, but you
know you married people
see nothing in the world
but their two selves, n'est pas
vrai, Lilla has certainly put
on married ways sooner
than anyone I ever saw,
In your last letter you said
that the room being cold

if your feet in the pender
you could not write well,
so you can pity me, as I
have only one drop of ink
to write with, & a pen tied
on to a pencil as I can find
no pen holder; I am sorry as
I know you like neat-letters
as every thing else.

I have just received your
last dear letter, & would say
"go it - while you are young" &
do not - be frightened to
be amiable, I do so look
forward to your getting married
& I am sure your best chance
has now come for here in
Montreal we have not one
who would do for you
my sweet old beauty,
Do you know my own
dear Dick sent me his

Christmas
photo + a card, I got
it Monday. He is a dear
good boy not to forget
his naughty, careless Nina.
I wrote him a wee bit of a
note to thank him, just
polite & nothing more, I do
wonder if he is my fate or no,
what say you my own wise
Mutter? ist an gut od
nisch, was? Danken Sie?

I have got a very bad
cold I went down to Dr. Reddy
this morning about my sore
throat, I think the best way
is to laugh it off, I caught
it out tobogganing, the night
before last, fancy me out
with Jim Bell, & Louise with
Bob, doing that high improper
thing very tobogganing, ———!!!

Alfred seems quite glad
that I caught cold which
is mean.

~~=====~~ I just looked over
your letter to Dora & I am
so glad you will be home
in 20 days, I do so want you
back, I feel so disappointed
not being able to go to see
Miss Kilbrough, I had looked
forward to seeing her once
again soon.

With fond love & wishing
you a Happy New Year

I am ever your

truer
fond
Mina