

Several  
short bits

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My own dear Anna,

I am delighted to hear that you are at last getting my numerous epistles, which, although they are very wandering & stupid on account of having been written amid great confusion or when I have been tired & sleepy, will nevertheless tell my little wife that her husband thinks of her very very often & longs to be with her. As the time draws near for me to go to Mexico I feel like a child counting the days before Christmas, & ever becoming more & more eager for ~~the~~ happy day to arrive. I hope that I shall

not be disappointed and  
that Weston will come to  
relieve me on the day promised  
by Mr. Selwyn.

Your sketch of the Darcy's  
house reminds me of a certain  
morning when we went to  
"drink coffee", and how we  
sat on the gallery after break-  
fast looking at a book full  
of patterns for embroidery, &c.  
Ah what changes there have  
been since then! How little,  
my dear wife, did I ~~think~~ then  
know of the happiness that  
was in store for me! Truly  
I have much to be thankful  
for! — and I am thankful.

I have not a copy of Lowell's  
poems here, and therefore cannot  
send you the lines of which  
I spoke in one of my letters  
The next time I go to Binley's,  
however, I shall copy them



for you, love. My resolution  
to remain only four hours  
a day in the mineral dept.  
has so far proved a complete  
failure and I have been  
obliged to remain there as  
much or more than at  
first. I am becoming a capi-  
tal showman, & wish you  
could hear me "spout" about  
the mineral resources of Canada.

The weather has been very  
hot for several days and  
a great many people have  
been quite used up by it.  
The consumption of soda water  
is astounding, but I have not  
taken a single glass of it, my  
principal beverage being milk,  
which may be obtained at  
many places in the buildings.

Yesterday afternoon I  
got a note from Mrs Davack,  
whom I had met at Fermantown,

saying that her husband  
would call for me at  
five o'clock to see if I would  
take tea & spend the evening  
with them. It was too late  
to send a reply to the note,  
but I did not feel the least  
sorry at the prospect of a  
drive, & hastened to my room  
to dress myself. Promptly at  
five Dr Darrach called for  
me & we had a most delight-  
ful drive of about fifteen  
miles through the park, after  
two most spirited horses. It  
was really very exhilarating &  
did me a world of good.

Brinley & Davenport - were both  
at Dr Darrach's to tea, and  
I afterwards went home with  
them & stayed all night, re-  
turning to Philadelphia at seven  
this morning. Brinley leaves  
this evening for a week's holi-  
days, so that I may not see



him again. He was obliged<sup>2</sup>  
to give up the trip to Harrisburg  
last week - on account of  
business engagements. Dave  
port has invited me to go out  
on Saturday & remain over  
Sunday with him as he  
will be all alone. I shall  
probably go, as it is much  
cooler & quieter in فرمان-  
town than here.

This morning at the  
exhibition I heard a familiar  
voice behind me, and on  
looking round saw Mr  
Stevenson the minister - and  
right glad I was to see him  
too. It seemed for the moment  
as if I were back in Montreal.  
Mr. S. is only going to remain  
here for a day or two, and  
next week is going to meet to  
join his wife - Oh happy man!

This afternoon I paid a short  
visit to machinery hall to  
inspect some rock-drills &  
ore concentrating machinery  
things in which you are  
not much interested and  
which I shall therefore not  
attempt to describe. On  
returning I had a visit from  
Dr von Baumhauer, president  
of the Netherlands Commission,  
then from Herr Ernst Althaus,  
one of the German judges from  
Breslau, and afterwards from  
Dr Lovell. I hope Dr Lovell  
will be able to go Montreal  
before leaving America, but  
he is afraid that it will  
not be possible, as he is  
to sail on the 2nd of September.

*Between ourselves*

I am surprised at Mr Selwyn's  
writing to Dr Dawson as he died,  
when he knew all the time



that he had recommended<sup>3</sup>  
Whiteaves. It would have  
been much more manly if  
he had stated plainly what  
his recommendation to the  
government was.

I had a letter from Maria  
to-day, from Dalhousie, New  
Brunswick, and am going  
to answer it and several  
business letters this evening,  
so darling I must say good  
night to you. I hope you  
are taking good care of yourself  
& getting thoroughly rested and  
refrushed. You are an angel  
to write so often & such nice  
letters to  
Your lovely & loving  
Bernard.

P.S. The letter before the last reached  
me at the same time as Dr. Dawson's.