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Very truly
yours

My dear little wife

I got back to Buckingham last evening and was greatly rejoiced by finding a letter from you telling about your own doings and those of our dear little one. To-day, darling, I feel so lonely without you, and can scarcely believe that I have only been absent four days. And yet I am glad that I am lonely, and would not have it otherwise, for that would mean that my love for my dear wife had waned. To-day I have thought of you so much and of what a true & loving companion you have been to me.

With the exception of Thursday

afternoon the weather has been lovely, a little hot at times it is true, but still very enjoyable. My trip up the river was also most successful, and I have brought back specimens enough to fill a small museum. I had two men to paddle my canoe, called respectively Paddy & Bill, and capital men they were; for in addition to being skilled canoeemen, they knew every foot of the country and had both worked in the mines. As for mosquitos and black flies, they were pretty thick in places, but still not so abundant as I expected they would be. The stopping places along the river were perhaps not equal to the Winderor, ~~for~~ but still might have been worse. Dirty sheets

never look half so dirty when one has had a hard day's work in the open air, and as for B-flats they are after all very insignificant little creatures. The greatest inconvenience was due to my bedroom not having a door, which necessitated the extinguishing of the dip before one could finally retire, and an immense amount of precaution as to how and when to get up in the morning.

Last evening I took part in a runaway which produced quite an excitement in the village, and which I am thankful to say did not result in anything more serious than a few little bruises, torn trousers, and a broken dash board. A Mr. Richardson was driving

me and some empty boxes for my specimens up to the upper end of the village, when in some way he dropped one of the reins and the fiery little horse at once went tearing up the road at a fearful rate. Fortunately, however, I managed to lean forward on the shaft and hold of the rein, which was dragging on the ground, pass it back to Mr. R. and then sit back to my seat. Otherwise we might and very likely would have got our necks broken.

Adams is here working for Yennor and paid me a visit last evening. This morning I called for him and we went to Church, while in the afternoon we went to have a look at the falls close by

They are lovely, and I hope that
sometime you will be able to
make a sketch of them.

To-morrow morning I leave for
the township of Templeton
where I expect to find that
Mr. Miller who lunched
with us a short time ago
Possibly a letter addressed
to Carl Templeton would
find me, but it is so
uncertain that I think
it is scarcely worth your
while writing. I am
anxiously watching the weather
and hope that it may con-
tinue fine, for two or three
rainy days would sadly
interfere with my plans.
On Tuesday I shall think

of you and "the babs" sailing
up the Ottawa and shall
- indeed do already - picture
to myself the dear little
fellow's surprise at all the
new things he will see.

And now my dear old
girl I must be off to bed
- alas alone! If there is time
possibly I may add a few
lines in the morning, but
in the mean time

Fare thee well

Yours own about B

I came away without some
note paper which I had
laid out to bring & so have
to write on anything which
I can get.

