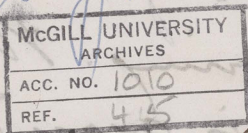


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My darling wife,

Another Sunday

of our separation is drawing to a close, and I am not in the least sorry; for Sunday when my darling is not with me is a much longer day than when she is here.

I was up rather late last evening & slept until rather late this morning in consequence. It rained very heavily most of the night, and when I awoke was still cloudy, but shortly afterwards the clouds began to break & it turned into a lovely cool day. This evening it is quite cold out of

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doors, and indeed I should not be surprised if we have frost before morning. The change from yesterday is very great & rather too sudden to be pleasant.

It was very late when I returned from breakfast this morning & I made up my mind not to go to church until evening. I read for a while - part of that curious old book, Job - and after picking some flowers for Food went down to my grandfather's for dinner, after which I went over to see Food. He seemed no worse than when I saw him on Friday, and if anything a little brighter and more inclined to talk. Miss Rimmer, he said, had been in to see

him this morn^g. I have
promised him to go to the boarding
house where he has been living
to pack up his things and
have them sent to the ferry,
but shall probably not be
able to attend to the matter
before to-morrow evening.

Hamilton says that Jane
did not leave any address,
but simply said that she was
going to visit her friends at
Ogdensburg and intended
to come back again. It is
very stupid of her not to
write to you. Your sketch
book should have gone yes-
terday & I am very sorry that
it did not get off, but I had
so many things to think of that
somehow it was neglected. It
is all rolled up, however,

and will certainly go to
morrow.

After leaving Ford this after-
noon I went up on to the
mountain for a walk and
found it perfectly lovely there.
When we both get back we
must certainly go up for a
drive some fine day and
take little Eric with us.

On my way down I met Judge
& Mrs Day toiling up the steps.

Fortunately I have secured
the services of a laundress
and am to send her a
large bundle in the morning.

As for the sheets & pillow
cases on the bed they have
got to do for another week.

You see theoretically they ought
to keep clean just twice as
long when I am alone as when

two are sleeping in the bed,
for I sleep on alternate sides
on alternate nights. And
then the bed has ample op-
portunity of being aired during
the day as it is never made
up. The painting is progressing,
but still very slowly. I think,
however, that it will be finished
by Sunday or Wednesday. Before
varnishing the floors it is necessary
to paint them & then to stain
the paint.

I am sorry that Eric is
becoming so wilful; and yet
after all, it is just what might
be expected, - he is such a
strong & active child and too
young to understand much
about why and wherefore. As
he grows older it is to be hoped

he will grow reasonable. The problem of his upbringing is one of which I often think and I trust we may be guided by that wisdom which is higher than ours. Certainly the little fellow will require a great deal of firmness and yet a great deal of gentleness. A little brother or even a little sister would indeed be a help in training him. I fear he will sadly miss the sea when he comes back to town, but he will still have plenty of the "tones" as the back yard is now covered with gravel.

I am very glad that Arthur Brown is at last going to be married. Knowing, as I do, the

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sweets of married life. I can
realise how much he has
been missing all these years.
You will have to think of
something for a wedding present,
which can be purchased
when we return.

And now darling may
god bless you and the dear
little one whom he has given
us, & may he soon grant us
a happy meeting in our home.
~~in the~~ As the time draws
near for me to leave I
dread the idea of going more
& more, for it will so prolong
our separation. If you get
back before me I hope you
will stay with your mother
until my return & not attempt
to do anything about settling the
house until I am there to help.
Ever your loving B.

Monday Morning -

Another lovely day. Just
leaving for the office.

By this morning's paper you
will see that Ella Lewis
has finally cast (c) herself
away. No doubt - you
will be full of sympathy
for her.

B.

