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Dearest Anna

It has been quite a disappointment to myself to be prevented from writing for the past two weeks but we have been & are a busy two & have been driven to subsidence of labour - whoever is last tried at the last moment taking up the pen. Papa is bringing out the "Lisieux News" paper in an enlarged & Col. to be published

by the Tract Society as one of
 a series throwing light on
 scripture & between writing, visiting
 museums & libraries & scientific
 meetings he is at full pressure:
 shopping, which is just as tiresome
 here as at home, has occupied
 much of Eric's & my time for
 the past two weeks, but the
 bulk of the list is well packed
 & we are hoping to go about a
 little with Rankine to see
 places of interest & some of the
 paintings of note. We had settled
 to leave Papa here quietly to finish

I go to pay our visit to Edinburgh -
 but several Considerations have
 led us to prolong our stay, amongst
 these I wish to be as long with
 R. as I can, he comes daily to see
 us & is kind & obliging - seeming
 to have no pressing duties & only
 waiting hoping for an appointment
 to a P. O. Thomas. I dare not
 venture to go into fears & feelings
 on this matter. that must be done
 only in Conversation. He showed
 me a letter he had received from
 you wh: shew'd anew my gratitude
 for your kind wise Counsel
 to him. Georgy - & he seem to divide
 the sub-terranum of all my anxious

& prayerful thoughts. This this
 is now. Sometimes to think of
 others & was much pleased to
 observe that Bernard had decided
 to accompany you to Metz. I am
 glad for his own sake, because
 I know he has had an exhausting
 winter. I hope too he will accede
 to my wish that he will become
 really one of our household. During
 the absence helping to invite & en-
 tertain visitors - altogether on
 your side. & you too may I trust
 be able to spend the week in town
 capturing the English innumerable
 with your frank & free hospitality
 if we are full you ed sleep at your

own home but I expect you
 hate to live with us & "work for
 your living". I have written to ask
 George if he wd like me to invite
 his old friend Arthur Phillips who
 says he is going to Canada chiefly
 because F. is there. I have not seen
 him but we dined with his father
 & mother last week. Alice Crow is
 also to be with us. Carrie has been
 here since yesterday & on her way
 home from Eastbourne where she
 has been with the Meyers. Her father
 & Alice leave for America this week.
 Evelyn Pope has gone to Oxford to be
 present at the final discussion as
 to whether ladies are to be admitted

to go up for a demonstration for
 the higher degrees. It is expected to
 be hotly contested but as you will
 likely see the discussion on its results
 in the papers I need not detail.
 We expect to return in time to dine
 at Mr. Carpenter's at 7-30. We are
 also in momentary expectation of a
 visit from Kate Gale.

It appears to me that I have written
 often about arrangements for our
 return. I am glad to hear that Ellen
 is willing to return to us. Florence was
 kindly suggesting that she should stay
 at the College during the summer
 & then from the time that paper will
 arrive to have Ellen as Cook & Joan
 as her housemaid. This seems to

Promise well for Japuz's Comfort.
 He will not I think be able to
 go to see you from Rimauki
 he has a ship load of specimens to
 look after at Inchee. He also
 wants to see Normal school men
 & Prof before they leave town. He
 has secured his passage for June
 12th. If we have Ellen in the house
 all the summer she ^{is} ~~out~~ ^{buying} looking after the
 clearing when Japuz comes to meet us
 at Rimauki & after J. & M. have gone
 to their own home. The dumb man
 who works for Miss Linn & Miss Campbell
 will be the best to help, he can do so
 many things that a woman cannot.
 Miss Wells ~~out~~ ^{is} engaged from
 the 15th of August when Eve will go to
 town & as per other aments I cannot

give advice. I wd. be glad to have them from the same state but knowing the many difficulties I refrain. I will be satisfied with whatever you do or don't do. Tho' you fail to secure an efficient table maid we will try for a man for the week.

We have met with a disappointment here in regard to getting dresses made through K.S. We had an introduction to a moderate & fairly good dressmaker & had sent her materials & gone to the fitting & given her directions about nearly all we intend to have made - including your dress & she has taken it & Carmat fulfil her promises. On all hands we hear ^{so much} of the difficulty of commissioning moderate prices with satisfactory work that we have decided to send to send some things to Rock Ferry with

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with Cassie who is to be so good
as give directions to her dressmaker,
Mrs Payho. I had my habit made over
by her when we first came over &
thought her charge high, but some
things I had got were reasonable &
her style & work is very good. I hope
to send by paper you heavy petticoats
some gloves that you may need for sea.
I will send you two pairs for the girls. We
will not be able to take much bulk in his
portmanteau. & I wd not like the large astrakhan
trunk we have had to buy opened till we
ourselves were present. I may as well
tell you that I am bringing you a silk
mantle to smarten you for the B. A. We
have taken every pains to get nice & pretty
curtains for it. Keeping in mind your ad-
vice in addition to her directions. I am

also bringing her, as a gift, a really nice
 black satin skirt with material for
 the waist & a low priced unlined broad
 mantle wh. I thought wd do for warm
 weather & in Autumn she cd wear it
 over her little old woollen jacket.
 Her father is much worse whether
 Mrs Elliott has told her I don't know
 but I have been turning over in my
 mind the possibility - if he shd die -
 of preparing her beforehand to dispense
 with getting mourning or saying any
 thing to friends in Canada about it.
 I no sooner write this than I am con-
 science stricken - of course I write
 competently - the poor man may
 live longer than I am calculating &
 it is good for his family that he
 shd do so as they will after his death
 be relieved to a half year income

Thursday 1st May

Curri has left us. Papa has returned
from Oxford & the Ladies are to be
admitted per. assembly a majority of
140. there have not been such a large
number of votes per. may a day. Kate
has been to see E. & has been talking
of going to see Frank's arrival. Archa
Taylor & wife. Cam here by some other
as 12. We made the large number
of three visits yesterday between 3-30 & 6-30
we had hoped to accomplish four.
This afternoon is to be given to the
some unprofitable work. Tomorrow
my own intention is to go to bid the
Egyptian Collection at the B.M. take
lunch at a Coffee Shop & go to two "W
Dames" in the afternoon. Saturday
we are engaged to lunch somewhere
out of town, with a Mr. Evans, the
Chief Authority on pre-historic implements

all the machine pictures, Annally
ashted, are now opening & we
are planning how a day can be got
to see some of them. I fear the
Bankrupt Court will be the next place
we shall see the inside of! getting
about costs a fortune.

I cannot enter upon survey matters
but the turn things may take gives
us anxiety. I have persuaded Papa
to write privately & confidentially to Mr
Pherson. Don't mention this to any one.

Papa tells me that he cannot take any
of our extra trunks unless I am pleased
to be pay duty on all the contents, so at
present I am puzzled how we are to
dispose of them if we land at
Rimonske. I suppose a solution
may be revealed as the time draws
near. Tell the children that if they
are good little pets that we shall have
some pretty things to give them at Montreal.
after their varied experiences are over.