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Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> /89  
11.20 P.m. (in bed)

Dear Anna,

Just a few lines  
before going to sleep in case  
the morrow may prove  
too full for writing. We  
have a rather fine day  
but evidently are going to  
have rain during the night.  
I have no recollection of  
such a wet June.

Eric took tea with Carpy  
and I at the college where  
I had to do duty for both  
Rankine and Eva.

There are two important  
pieces of news which I must

give you before going further.  
 One is that at the Governor's  
 meeting yesterday Sir Donald  
 Smith was appointed Chancellor  
 and word sent to him by  
 cable. He had I believe  
 already expressed his willing-  
~~ness~~ to accept the honour  
 and the move is undoubtedly  
 a good one. He is of course  
 widely known and respected  
 and has besides done so  
 much for the college.  
 The other piece of news is  
 that Mr Fred. Frothingham  
 and Mrs J. H. R. M. have together  
 given \$40,000 for the endowment  
 of the Principalship - a  
 very generous donation  
 which will enable your  
 father to get assistance and

relief from some of his work. Mr Frothingham sent a very nice note in which he stated that the wish of himself and Mrs M was that your father should personally benefit by the gift.

I think I told you that the Nat. Hist. Soc. were getting your father's portrait painted by Harris. It is now finished and is said to be very good. Your mother and Eva went to see it yesterday and had no fault to find with it.

Eric has not found his coat and is not likely to find it. He says that

a waterproof would be more useful to him than another pea-jacket. What do you think about it?

Monday, Afternoon

Your postal card arrived today and I will look for the sponges and find them to-morrow if they are to be found. There has, however, been such an uprooting during the past few days that it is difficult to find anything — even ones way through the hall upstairs.

Glad to hear that the little ones are well. You say nothing about yourself dear, but I hope that at least you are none the worse for being at Inverness. B.