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Dearest Love,

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Time wears on and still

I am separated from you, but I hope that it will not be for more than ten days longer. I am at my rate looking forward to leaving here about the 21st or 22^d. [I shall not have finished everything that I should like to, but probably if I were to attempt that I should remain here for the rest of the summer.] I must try to go to a dentist tomorrow, for I know that my teeth require a great deal of attention. I am rather at a loss concerning choice of a dentist. I should prefer going to Beers as I know him so well and as he always makes me such a moderate charge, but I am heartily tired of being put off by him. Then I feel that I ought to go to the Gibbs and shall probably try to lunch with them ^{some day} this week.

Minnie left on Thursday, and since then Eliza has taken her place, coming up every morning in time to set my breakfast; so that I get on all right and feel that I was very fortunate in getting someone with so little trouble.

The expected hot weather has come, but although the thermometer has high to-day there has been a pleasant breeze. [This evening it is 80 in the library with window and front door open. If the breeze goes down we shall probably get a roasting to-morrow.] I dined with Taylor to-day and spent a pleasant hour with him afterwards. He took me over his house, which, as you know, is charming. Poor Steele who built it, died a month after his return to England. The doctors whom he consulted on his return gave him no hope of recovery, but he had no idea that the end was so near, and purchased an annuity for which he paid several thousand dollars.

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Bony & Taylor are talking of leaving
for Metis on Wednesday, and are
not yet sure of being able to get
away.

Cox was down from Sra
yesterday and expects to be down
again on Tuesday. He seems to
enjoy the sail on the Ottawa.
While he and Mrs. C. were down
here last week their second
little girl (Rachel?) climbed up
into one of the pine trees in front
of the old house. Dr. Robertson
was just getting into his carriage
to drive away and thinking that
she was too high up for safety
^{started} ~~was~~ ^{to} ~~walking~~ ^{to} cross the street
to advise her to get down, but
before he had spoken to her she
fell face downwards on the ground
& sustained a bad cut under
the chin. The Dr. kept her in bed
for several days and, in case
of any injury to the brain I suppose,
and she is getting on capitally.
The cut seems to be healing well
and they hope that there will not

be much of a sear.

I have only been to town once since my return from Mexico, being anxious, as far as possible to keep ~~myself~~ out of sight and have myself counted an absentee. Soon, however, I shall be obliged to go down, but will take the back streets.

So far as I know the oilcloths that you spoke of ordering from Ogilvy has not turned up - as here I have not seen it, but forgot to speak to Minnie about it. If you have other commissions you had better send them soon so that I may not have too many things to attend to at the last. The Carpenter finished the repairs to the gallery &c, but the plastered niche turned up.

I shall try to take some more reading with me when I go down and also intend taking a geometry book for Eric. Possibly, however, his hands may be full already with the French. I hope he will be able to brush that up a little. Do you want

bolts? It seems to me you said something about them in one of your letters.

How does the new room turn out and to whom have you given it? I have never heard. Did the carpenter get bolts for the windows, or do you expect me to bring them?

6 p.m.
Monday

A hot day as I had anticipated, but I do not suffer greatly with the heat. This morning I went to see Burs and made an appointment for Wednesday afternoon. To-day he had hay-fever. Then went to inspect the Beaver Hall house and found it getting on most satisfactorily. Wallbank happened to be there and explained everything to me. He seems to be looking after it well. The roof is finished, all the hot-water and gas pipes in the ar present state of progress everything should be finished by

the first of September.

Mr McDonald returned from Virginia this morning. He as good as told me to-day that he had a chemical building in view and also asked me whether it would not be possible to combine a mining & metallurgical laboratory with a chemical building — which of course it would. Do not mention this however.

Your letter with list of wants reached me to-day — a very moderate list. But I must hasten to post this.

Ever your friend Bernard.