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Friday, July 17th / 91

Dear Anna,

Again we have a hot day, but pleasant withal. Beers has served me in the usual way. I had an appointment with him for 11 this morning and when I went down was told that he was ill & would have to put me off until Monday.

I had both Roberts and his son look at the house to-day but they totally disapproved of your proposed changes and thought that the house would be quite spoiled by them. They made a suggestion which I do not much care for but which is at least ~~to~~ more practicable than yours. I can tell you about it when

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I go down. I am arranging to go to Como to-morrow and hope I shall not be detained.

A Dr Hime ^{his son} ~~was~~ _{is} here this afternoon and had previously been to see me. He brought the enclosed letters to your father and finding that he was away on somebody's advice came to me. He is a pleasant but tremendous talkative Irishman and the son a bright handsome youth. He intends to leave the son to go through college here and says that he was attracted to me first largely through your father's writings and reputation. He has already secured quarters at Miss Evans's - where William is - for his son, who is to go there about the 10th of August. ~~Some~~ next week they are going down to the Baie des

Chaleurs to visit some friends. I do not know whether Sir William would care about suggesting that they should stop over as guests or not, but you had better tell him what I have written & give him the enclosed letters.

Anna M^{rs} D. expects her sisters on Sunday the Parisian having been telegraphed. She seems highly delighted at the prospect of seeing them again.

I invested to-day in a little fishing-tackle and a few odds & ends which may help to amuse the little ones on wet days. Yesterday I had an organ shipped. I can tell the children about it or not, just as you think best.

With love to all

Your fond Bernard.