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thought of leaving McGill

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Dearest Love,

I am very glad to hear
that ~~is sad~~ amid so much that
is saddening you are able
to present a cheerful front
and so give courage to others.
Here I too try to be cheerful
and neither my students nor
the children at home have
any idea of what is gnawing
at my heart.

My going to pay you a visit
of course depends upon how
long you are to remain at

Savannah, and that I suppose depends upon what the doctors there say. If it is any gain whatever to Eric to be at Savannah he should remain on for a time but that you can tell better than I can. I could not get away for more than a day and the expense would be considerable. I am trying to work up the funds a little, but all I have time to do does not amount to very much.

A warm climate would of course suit Eric better than a cold one, but I should fear the result of the long journey. Of course if he were going to Florida or Bermuda the journey would be mainly by water. I do not think

however, that the doctor will
recommend his going so far.

The new household seems a
nice job, but I fear she will
not be able to stay. She coughs
still and sometimes attributes
her non-recovery to sleeping in
a basement room. Her latest
idea is that it is the "sea-weed
bed", and she thinks she ought
to have a "feather-bed" like
Lady Sawson's girls.

Kate had a letter from Florence
a day or two ago. She got a
situation the day after reaching
Philadelphia, but found that
there had been a drop in wages
and she is getting only \$3.50 per
week. I am still sorry that we
let her go, as she certainly managed
the children better than Kate.

Indeed the more I see of Kate the less do I think of her. Of course she has her good points, but she is rough, peevish & arbitrary.

Yesterday Con & Bernard went to lunch at Mr. Frank's afterwards adjourned to the Boney's for drill and Con finished up the day by going to the Peck's for tea.

I sent one pair of drawers on Friday and will send the other this week. If not warm enough you will have to get some others. Clare still complains of occasional pains (particularly in the morning) and I am going to speak to Browne again. There have been so many rainy days that she has not been able to get her rides, which always seem to do her a world of good. Probably we shall

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have some fine weather this week. Yesterday we had a frightful downpour. The children have had plenty of fruit. We are now on our third barrel of apples and have finished a number of large baskets of grapes. Constance, however, seems unable to acquire the accomplishment of grape-eating. She insists upon swallowing the skins and putting the rest out of her mouth — so that we have had to cut off her supply.

Lois is always good and sweet, and really she has wonderful talent in the way of drawing. She showed me some flowers yesterday which

were so well drawn that I could scarcely believe she had done them.

Constance is quite herself now and is clever and amusing. She eats and sleeps well and altogether seems stronger than she was a year ago.

We had a capital sermon from Silcox this morning - on the 23^d Psalm - sensible and with not attempt at wit or vulgarity.

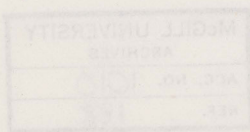
I read your father what you said about Dickens, and evidently his views are different from yours. Your mother suggested that they should read Black House and I think I shall get it for them from the library. I am sorry to say that I never read

is myself. I am making
some inquiry about California
and have got your father
to write to the President of
the Leland Stanford University
asking for a Calendar and
also inquiring as to probable
vacancies. Still I feel that
if we were going to any other
place I should greatly prefer
to take up some other line
of work than teaching.

Late.

Mrs M. has just been
here and stayed for more
than an hour, playing with
baby part of the time. I
must therefore close if I am
to get this posted in time.

Yours fondly
Bernard



Of course if Indiana is
commended trying a warm
climate something could
be arranged — Bermuda
Aiken or Florida.

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