

Children of Annandale  
plants & Petersons



Monday

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Dear Anna,

Your letter and  
one from Clare arrived  
this morning. The latter I  
will forward as soon as  
Ruth & Conrad have heard  
it. They both (R. & C.) did  
well at examinations this  
morning and found the questions  
very easy — a snap as  
Conrad says. Ruth has  
an invitation from Lois Shepherd  
to spend next Saturday and  
Sunday at Combs and probably  
she will accept as Mrs. Nelson  
thinks it would be pleasant for her.

I am glad to hear that there was such a good collection of plants. I bought fewer and paid less for what I bought than usual; but Hall is a great friend of Joseph's and has no doubt "thrown in" a good many extras. Of course he beats me better than those who "know not Joseph". I only hope that Bernard's vigorous watering and shading may keep most of them alive.

Cloude McLaughlin came to see me this morning. They are all at the Windsor and Ewan in bed with a slight return of the rheumatic trouble. If he is well enough

They will go down to the American coast some time next week.

The Petersons contemplate going to Mexico this summer and I advised her this morning to write to you about rooms. I told them that I thought Macsiders was the better hotel but they seem inclined to go to Astles so as to be near to the Ross's. I also told them about Mary Ann's. If they write to you I would not give them any special advice, but simply such information as you can get as to available rooms. As Astles they would of course be near not only to Mrs Ross but also to the Refords. Con. & I have partly cleared out the school-room and I may tackle the painting to-night, although I

have also to read the Kingston  
examination papers.

I have also had a man come  
to see about the roof and it  
is to be repaired this week.

It is hotter to-day & very close,  
with prospects of thunder showers.

Con. has been most pleasant,  
sensible and obliging - especially  
when Ruth is not here.

Love to all

Your fond Bernard.

I enclose a card for Poppy  
- also \$10 to keep you going  
until I can send more.

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I fancy the Petersons would  
prefer you not saying much  
about their intention to go to  
Mexico.