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Poppy

Dearest Mother, yesterday was indeed a hard day to be got through, for you as well as for us I know. We all came right home from the wharf, Ruth returning to bed, where she stayed all day. In the afternoon I wrote letters of thanks to Mrs Peterson, Miss Liechtenstein, Miss Fairley, Alan Law, which the children left for me. Aunt Flo with Margaret came over to cheer us up, it was so kind of her, Olive too was in + sat most of the afternoon with Ruth. This morning Poppie much amused Lois + Eva by saying in a new way to something they had done, "I will just tell Mother" he had really forgotten for the minute that you had actually gone. At every meal Poppie says, how Mother will have had so many meals on the ship. He has reminded us every little while, that we must not forget to sing "Several Father's Story to Love". We all went to church this morning except Ruth, who was still a little shaky - we had a very long service, owing to its being Dr. Peckley's 25th anniversary in the Ministry.

Various addresses were added to the usual routine. In the afternoon the children went to S. S. School with Conrad, I did not go as it was raining. My class did not need me as there was to be an open day - Till tea time Poppie & I drew Scriptural pictures on the black board - After tea we sang "for those in peril on the Sea" & other hymns. I asked G. M. to come in & sing it with us, & she said "My dear I am not thinking of such I am picturing your mother sitting on deck in the Sunshine" She has been wonderfully cheerful & seems to feel, (now that the wretch has been made) with renewed vigour, how nice it will be for you, & how wise we all were to work for it. Aunt Flo came up to see her this morning, Lois took dinner with her, & this evening Ruth is sitting with her. Poppie's mischief has been to the fore today so after tea I brought him upstairs, & we wrote questions & answers. He asked

me to let you have them - I wrote

1 Why should you be good? He wrote
ans. God likes it -

2 Why should we pray? ans. It helps us -

3 Whom should we love most? ans. God -

4 When we have been naughty what should we do? ans. Ask God to help us -

5 Have you ever done anything for God?
ans. Yes. pray -

6 Anything more? Yes. Speak the truth -

7 Mention some thing God has done for us?

ans. Made the leaves - etc. etc.

He thought out the answers & wrote them entirely by himself -

Conrad is reading aloud to the little girls, & has been for an hour. Father has gone over to Aunt Flo's for supper -

Mrs. Tolson insisted on having the newspaper yesterday, to read the list of passengers on the Parisian & to actually see your name there -

I do not know if you will have heard of Mrs. Gyshe's death or not it has been such a shock to everybody - She was in Toronto with Anna who was playing at Phylket Green's concert. She was upset

by something she had eaten in the train but was getting over that, when she suddenly died of heart failure - The family is in terrible distress, the second daughter who is not very strong, has just been going from one faint into another, poor Mrs. Leach cannot realize it.

We were all very glad to get your letter this morning & to be able to picture you amongst your new surroundings. Ruth & I went out shopping this morning, she got the groceries, & was much mystified as to quantities -

I must now go to lunch -

With much love from all -

Your loving Aunt Clara -

Love to Aunt Eva & the children -