

General news
and coronation day

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Little Dorkis.

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My dearest Mother,

I have received your letter in which you speak of your sailing the end Aug. or beginning of Sept. As for Father saying definitely, I know he will not. It would be nice to have you here for a little, but I would not like you to just come in for all the packing up, & the settling as well in town.

Father speaks of going up about the 10 Sept. himself & if you were to arrive in town about then - it would be nice for you to have a few days with him before we all come up. But

I feel that it is little use speaking from here, beyond saying that we are all well, & would wish you not to feel that it is necessary for you to hurry as long as you feel you are being benefited by being away.

Dr. Teast did not think Father looked
 as well as usual this summer, but
 to me he seems all right now, beyond
 rather frequent headaches - -
 Uncle Barkise went up to town this
 week about their house, an offer
 for it had been made - This caused
 some indecision on his part whether
 to really give up the house or not.
 The final decision I have not yet
 heard but as he telegraphed for
 Aunt Flo to go up I think he must
 have decided to let it - -
 Grandmother has been laid up the
 last few days, one of her old
 attacks, but is getting up this after-
 noon - I had Dr. Forbes come to see
 her as she would not be careful
 of herself - This morning he found
 her much better & says that she

can have more food + gradually get back to ordinary meals. I have read some of "Kim" aloud to her which she seemed to like - Margaret is still here + I think Uncle R. will probably come down again -

I think I told you that Nabel went up the "Paquebot" with her mother. She was none the better for the trip, so Mrs. Wolson took her right up to Montreal - Dr. Browne has sent her down again with a nurse + she is staying at Bull Rock Hotel. When they all return this fall she is probably to go away for 6 months. Meanwhile they are seeing how Nabel likes the nurse, + are hoping it will influence Mr. Wolson to have one. She looks wonderfully well + is allowed + encouraged to see everyone + to go about a certain

amount. The last few days
 she has been allowed nothing but
 liquids on account of her indigestion.
 The nurse is a splendid woman
 & stirs her up out of herself - I
 try to see her as often as I can -
 Aug 11. I have just received "The
 Colony of Mercy" for which I thank
 you - I really have not read any-
 thing, or to speak of this summer,
 but hope to some time. Poppie
 is delighted with the "Little Via Soldier".
 On Saturday we did indeed celebr-
 ate the coronation. Dr. Ferguson
 the Mayor, ordered that everybody
 should meet on the golf links at
 twelve, listen to a few appropri-
 ate remarks by himself & Dr. Murray
 sing "God Save the King" & the
 chorology - It was one of the

prettiest sights I have ever seen - at twelve sharp all the golfers + base-batters stopping their games, + coming together with the rest of the people to stand around the platform made for Mr. Ferguson.

In the afternoon there was to be a sort of general picnic, to which I had not the slightest intention of going. I did not really care to, + I wanted to sit with G. M. When we were at dinner Mr. Luens who is down, came over + asked me to go, I thanked him, but refused, + then but in dreaming well, told father it was a shame that I never went anywhere + so on + that he should insist on my going - father without a word went + said to the retreating gentleman, that he accepted for me - I was really annoyed + cross with

myself for being so, for Father & Ruth
 had meant it so kindly - I enjoy-
 ed the drive thoroughly. Jean, Da-
 Livens & myself going together. We
 went to the ~~the~~ & Twin Lakes which is
 really one of the loveliest spots here.
 I have not been there since approxi-
 mately year - And it does do
 good to get away from your
 own little house & garden & return
 fresh to it, but the pic-nic
 itself - I did not know a great
 many of the girls, there was no
 older person or general manager,
 & the boys pulled the things out
 of the lunch baskets anyhow -
 I am getting hopelessly particular
 but nothing will ever induce me
 to go to a Metis pic-nic again -
 But the drive home was beautiful

The sun setting + all the shadows
 standing out so clear + strong - Ruth
 went with Leonard, Percy, + Walter,
 + had to come home in a haycart as
 their axel gave way - In the evening
 we had a splendid big bonfire,
 which father + the boys had worked
 at all afternoon - Every body
 really had a bonfire, I counted
 eleven in eight, + there were others
 beyond the bay - Every child was
 up late, + all looked drowsy in
 church, the next morning - # I do
 not think anybody will forget cor-
 oration day that was here -
 G. D. looks much better + is sitting
 on the Gallery all day - Mrs Blake
 has been so kind in asking for her -
 Now remember if you should
 want to stay on till ever + how
 we will all arrange somehow, +

without anybody being overtaxed,
 I dare say we will make mistakes
 but we are willing to do our best.
 Mr. Johnson is not coming down &
 I have asked Father to invite
 Aunt Laura to pay us a little
 visit, we always seem to do so
 little for her - I do not know
 what Father is saying about your
 return, but he begins to long
 for your home coming. I think,
 although perfectly willing that you
 should stay -

With much love to all

& yourself

your daughter

Clara