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THE MAPLES,

EGERTON PARK,

ROCK FERRY,

Walt Fawcett
June 16th

My dear Anna.

I owe you answers to several kind letters which you have written to me, & I cannot pretend that I am as busy as you. But I shirk letter writing as I never can think of what I want to say or how to say it. Besides you now hear regularly from Blare & so will have known more than usual about us. We do not feel that we have done anything yet for her, when

she arrived & for ² some time after
the weather was so cold & wet that
it did not seem at all inviting to
go about much & besides just as first
when everything that one sees & does
is so new to one there does not seem to
be the same necessity for special
exertments. The bad weather
followed her here also, for we
never before had so much wet &
cold as during the first two weeks.
It is little comfort to say that
everyone has remarked that the
spring has been very unusually
backward. But we have enjoyed
a month of lovely weather now
dating from Clara's departure

June 20th We have remained on
 here nearly two weeks longer than our
 month, first because Mr. A. was
 detained at Rock Ferry & then as her
 guests, so we have enjoyed a nice long
 holiday. Tom & Mother always seem to
 pity me & say that this or that must
 be trying - settling the new house &
 when in reality I never come in
 for much work & hope is so useful
 that he does more than his share.
 For a few days here we were
 busy for everything was out of its
 place, but Blanche & Clare were
 here to help as well as the three servants
 & two men if required. Clare seemed
 to be quite one of the family & we
 miss her now that she is not with us.

Everyone likes her I think & she is
 certainly is very pleasant & easily pleased
 & self possessed for her age. It must be
 a strange thing for you to have a grown
 up daughter & certainly she makes
 me feel very ancient for the friends
 I know in Montreal are the mothers
 of hers & there is an entirely new
 generation now. I suppose before long
 I will find our own daughters grown
 up which will be a greater shock.
 The years do pass so quickly & except
 for the change in the children one has
 very little to show for them.
 I will be glad to hear that Papa &
 Mother are again safely at Metz
 for I always feel that they are safer
 & happier there than in Montreal.
 Would it be possible for Papa to go for
 September to St. Catharines if he gets time.

of Mitis as he did last year. I was so
glad that Mother got ^{THE WALES,} off for a week's
rest & change. I think ^{EGETON PARK,} that your turn ^{ROCK FERRY.}
for a rest & change should come soon &
I wish to suggest that as George will
probably have to come over next summer
for the Paris exhibition, that you should
accompany him. Now I am not joking
but consider that it wd be of real service
to you, to him, & to your family. Of course
you can truly make a hundred
objections to the plan but so you could
about almost any plan if you wished
not to carry it out, but if you honestly
worked towards it you might manage.
Clare will be able to take your place
in a measure. Mr Bovey's plan of
taking all the family seems absurd
to me - the younger ones cannot get any

benefit & they have of course to be provided
for & to prevent the grown up members of
the party from being free to do the things
which would be of interest to them.

This place is so entirely different from
Inlet that it wd interest you & you
could sketch rocks & cliffs to any extent.
If Clare comes back she must take some
snap shots of some of them. I am delighted
that Clare reports our children as
"obedient" for I should not have dared to
say so myself. They are so wild &
independant & generally irrepresable.
However it is well to have plenty of
"go" to begin with. Grace too gets
on well ^{with} her lessons but Silvia is
rather lazy - she must be a little like
your Bernard I think for she is very
intelligent & observant & fond of flowers
& out of door things & yet won't apply
her mind to work - With much
love from Wm.