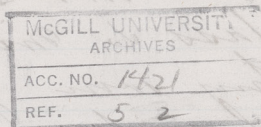


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Mother to Bernard →

A few more thoughts  
on family + friends.

St. Andrews Oct. 1876



Dear Berne.

We found the time long  
not to hear a word from you and  
were glad at last to hear that  
you were well and settled at  
your old work. So much has been  
going on with us since you left that  
I hardly know where to begin.  
Father keeps us so stirred up with  
his fishing arrangements - and  
Mr. Gibb comes this time to go out  
with him. Mr. G does not care  
in the least for this amusement  
but catches the old gut to ac-  
knowledge that any body does  
any thing for his gratification  
solely - they enjoy it as much  
as he. Mr. & Mrs. Atwater's visit  
we enjoyed. They expected to  
have gone back the Negroes Day;  
but it was well we all persuaded  
me much against her will to  
stay as she might have been  
in the same plight that night.

at Larchmont as others were.  
Many friends came for the whistle.  
Mr. H. is so easily entertained  
& did not seem to miss plate  
glass & mirrors. As soon as  
they were gone we pushed our-  
selves to get Charlotte ready  
for her trip. Then we (Laura  
& I) went to Com. with her - she  
staid two days & Papa came for  
us the third. Mr. Felt seemed  
disappointed that you had  
not made Charlie a visit but  
I explained. Charlie has  
fixed upon fruit growing as  
an occupation or rather a hobby  
& thinks of stopping a year  
with an old gent in Pennsylvania  
to study the art. -  
I have commenced teaching  
Armin & Lauro & Laura again.  
so you can fancy that this  
with sewing, voice-choosing  
&c. will keep me rid of mis-  
chief. My Weston fortune did  
not come much to Papa's amuse-  
ment: but I tell him Cousin C  
is waiting to send it by Uncle  
John's wife who has been visiting  
them. I wish Maria would

try to be grounded better so that  
she would be prepared for high-  
er branches at Mrs. Lays. I think  
she sees the necessity of more ap-  
plication, but does not like to lose  
any pleasure. Anna Wales has  
gone to Berlin to spend the  
winter in Mr. Amour's family  
in the hope to talk French. I fancy  
her music lessons are to effect  
other advantages. It makes one  
her companion for Mary - so-  
ciety for the girls is dwindling  
out here - but Biv Comy House  
& we can be very happy "among  
ourselves". I don't know why but  
I never missed you so much  
as when you left this time.

Louise said you called - she has  
decided to join the Gales for a  
few months. It is too bad there  
space is so limited by the war;  
but this is a small matter in com-  
parison with the thousands who  
are in its train.  
Did Louise furnish you with  
the promised means? Write  
more particulars about yourself.  
Press on going into her lessons  
& practising in real earnest.

Mel is away to Chicago for a  
trip - I hope he will find some-  
thing to do. It would be better  
for him to be away from Montreal  
& his father. - So you were  
groomsman at Mr E's wedding!  
No business for you - Mrs  
James has called since but  
I was not in & have not heard  
particulars. - ~~Pro~~ <sup>Pro</sup> ~~Corne~~ <sup>Corne</sup> ~~Sous-~~  
dell was buried the day after  
you left town & Miss De Harville  
the next day. She was ill only  
3 days. - Give my kind  
remembrances to the Christies  
when you see them also to Mrs  
Blackman. I am sorry to hear  
of the Judge's poor health. The  
girls are waiting for lessons so  
I hope you will excuse haste.

All join in sending love -  
Especially

Believe me your most  
aff Mother.

L Harrington.

Did you hear that Aunt Lynn our  
Cousin E's Mother is dead?