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Another nice letter from  
mother to Bernard - containing  
many little interesting items  
to do with family life -

Thanks giving time

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Dear Bonnie.

I suppose this is your Thanksgiving day and fancy you enjoy a little relaxation, which I am sure you need. I was very glad to get your good letter, but sorry for the sake of your eyes that you were writing it so late in the evening. If you do less drawing & read German in the day time for a little you might save time in the long run. This ought to have been our festival day too - but Mr. P. was preaching elsewhere last Sunday & was afraid he could not be back in time - so we will be alone in this celebration next week. It is a shame the Governor does not appoint a day - the interest is so much greater when we know that so many others are uniting with us. I sent a witness to you yesterday with a notice of the death of Mr. Bentley that promising young man. I suppose you have heard of it but there; but those remarks show how much he was appreciated in Canada. It seems sad after so much laborious preparation for usefulness - but we do not



understand these things now.  
If there is no practical use for  
human knowledge in another  
world - there will be mental  
development I suppose and  
the knowledge of God in His  
Books above all His wonderful  
work of Redemption will go  
with us beyond the Grave.

Mario has been learning a beau-  
tiful passage from Coropio's Tale  
about the superior pleasure  
that student of Nature has, who  
can say of every created thing,  
"the vast & the minute "my Father  
or made them all". Not my  
Father, simply, as the Creator;  
but because reconciled to Him  
by faith in His Son.

I am sure you will find it  
very pleasant to help in the  
music department of these Sun-  
day Evening Lectures. The subject  
stirre me as rather more suit-  
able for such day lectures; but  
I do not know what practical  
bearing they may have. Intellec-  
tual treats are very pleasant -  
but on Sunday we need to  
be taught the way of Salvation.



The Wale's were very much  
alarmed last Saturday by a Tel-  
egram from Birchin for Mrs Wale  
to go to Anna as she was very  
ill. Mr W could not go till Mon-  
day and we are all relieved  
by the news that she is better.  
It was Typhoid fever - but in  
a mild form as it has resulted.  
It will be a 3 weeks sickness  
however. Did you see in any  
paper an account of the acci-  
dent on our Cornhill Railway.  
That young Birch, you remem-  
ber who drove the La Chute stage,  
did not hear the cars coming - was  
run into about 2 PM & died at  
5. The Steamboat company are to  
be paid for the nice little sum of  
£12,000 - at Mr Burroughs's suggestion  
I don't say. He said not fair if getting  
a ship by not acting enough.  
They make short those gates, which  
lots of course Corlew. - Corlew's  
marriage is expected to come off the  
first week in December - so Charlotte  
cannot come home. I am sure she  
will be the main spoke in the  
wheel and that Auntie needs her, as  
she has no girl & I don't think  
she feels very badly about the deten-  
tion. We have all been in a quar-  
rel about wedding presents - I  
suppose you are just as well pleased



That you cannot be grown man,  
as it needs either to find these  
important positions. You speak  
of your Father's Bill - He you did  
not seem annoyed - though it was  
larger than he expected; but when  
he looked into it he seemed satisfied.  
He knows that in your circumstances  
you need dress decently. I feel con-  
fident you will succeed & be com-  
pensated for your diligence &  
application. I should think it  
would be well through Dr Dawson  
or Dr Hunt to try to secure some-  
thing in your line in Canada.  
Government pay here is always liberal  
I believe. Paper here man has an-  
noyed him so that he could not get  
to town so soon as he wished. He  
expects to go Monday & all the House-  
Members' mouths is about frozen up-  
files. Your landlord manufactured  
a very unpleasant word - the Yankees  
found a happy faculty that way. Much  
Eric has been here. He had to go for  
Wade Mc L to Iowa & as he was very  
ill & it was 4 weeks before he got back,  
his charge was so thorough. He was  
very ill there & has been again this  
week & yet does not take warning -  
I am afraid this scribble will try your  
eyes - Do you have a shade on your  
lamps. If I was rich I would get you  
one of these students lamps. It is  
time for the mail though I have some  
few things to say can only add  
love from all - Love of love from  
your very aff. Mother & Carriette