

Letters from ^{Am prior 1871}
Jennie McLachlan
to her nephew
Bernard Harriger

In the letters - mention
is made of Lindsay
Russel - Claude Osborne
cousins of B.J.H.'s

Cousin Jessie
to B. J. H.

Superior
15th Jan. 1891-



My dear Bennie,

After a great deal of deliberation I have decided upon writing you again. I was very angry indeed (are you not thinking) at first because you did not answer my last letter sooner than you did, & resolved that I would not "trouble you again."

as I indignantly said, but
I have taken another & you
will say a more sensible view
of the matter. I am sure you
must be very busy, a great
deal so busy to write letters that
are not actually necessary, so
you are forgiven without
ever having asked for pardon.
Now that I have commenced
I wonder what my letter is
to be about, for I don't think
I have much to tell you.
There will be no moralizing

in this one I promise you.

I have one very sad piece of news & which will I know draw out all your sympathy for us. My poor father's illness has given away at last. He was very ill some weeks ago & has been quite crazy ever since. We called in Dr. Howard of Montreal in consultation with Cranston & they pronounced his derangement a hopeless case of softening of the brain. He may live many years but

There is not a shadow of
 hope that his reason will
 ever return. You heard him
 that it is very trying to me
 to say all this, but I tell you
 lest you might possibly
 hear something of it, I can
 know how much to believe.
 I was in Ottawa for two
 three weeks before Christmas.
 Alicia came up with me
 & only went home the day
 before yesterday. She is so
 very quiet & as different

with very black ink
written in a cursive
hand. The text is
extremely dense and
difficult to decipher
due to the overlapping
lines and the dark ink.
The words are written
in a style that is
characteristic of the
late 18th or early 19th
century. The paper is
aged and shows signs
of wear, including
stains and discoloration.
The overall appearance
is that of a historical
document or a letter.

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Letters from B. J. H. S.
Sisters - Laura Charlotte
and several others -