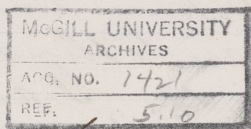


Sister of Bernard's
mother -

Laura Harrington

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St Andrews Feb 11th 1871



Dear Bernice,

It is Saturday Evening & I do not feel much like working and more like talking to you about ourselves which subject I know always interests you. I suppose you know by Papa's letter that Mary is in town. - she felt sadly disappointed that Fanny Green is at Mr. Atwater's and she cannot stay with Alvin as she anticipated.

Alvin Green occupies the spare room so they wanted her to go directly to their house when she went to town as she would be always welcome; but Mary had not spoken of any particular time. I am sure they are sorry too, as they are not too-faiced people. Mary will not run into the Cushing's or Bush's as Charlotte would.

taking it for granted she was welcome.
I am sorry to have her away just now
as she could have commenced French
with Anna Wales and Charlotte. They
are taking lessons from Mrs Stackhouse
and are obliged to talk as well as read
& write. I am afraid Mary will
think them too well started when
she returns to join them. Poor Puss
has been very sick this week. She
complained first of sore throat and
then pain began in one ear and then
the other. She suffered dreadfully
and the Dr alarmed us by saying
if the discharges perforated the drum
of the ears - she would be deaf &
that when accompanied by fever the
brain was sometimes affected. She
took up Wednesday in the night
with such pain in her head that
Papa went for the Dr at midnight.
He relieved us by saying that the pain
would be no quite another place if
the consequences he had feared were
taking place. He seems to like to alarm
and I did not need caution about her
ears as I know what excessive care
about them is necessary. She is very
deaf now but they are discharging &
filled & covered with Cotton wool.
The fever has left her and she

has been on the sofa in the school
room all day. She is not cross, but
every body has to do things in the
most correct way - she is as fastidious
as Grandmother Fyrmour. The one
to feed her with now are chicken
broth &c. The Dr has been most
attentive & kind. He said this
morning you are a dear little Pet
& advised her the other day not to
take castor-oil without getting 5.
It is no wonder people have colds
here - such weather as we have.

The last 8 days in succession Thermom-
eter from 12 to 43 below zero. Last
Saturday & Sunday were fearful days.
Mr. Barton took her here to-night and
said he was returning from Montreal
with his wife and almost perished.
Did you hear of the death of Mr. Adams
Mrs. Gibbs's Mother? They will miss
her very much - She was so kind
so active and lively. Did you
hear that Laura Norton has
another son? Did you hear that
Papa almost sold the Domain
but his trust failed him about
the ability of the purchaser &
his security and he backed out.
Making the difficulty of settling
matters with his former the Dec-

Case, as the parties wanted immediate
occupation. It looked for a few days
as if we might be in Minnesota or
Manitoba before long. I would
not care if he got a good price if
he sold as I think his money would
make more good he could be doing
down there this money furnishes.
He has enough to do but has ability
for something more than growing
wood & drawing water. I felt about
your prospects a little while ago, as
if it was almost too good - so glad
jump at once into so desirable
a position - I do not mean pecu-
niarily, but being associated with
one whose experience would be so
useful to you. I was very sorry for
your disappointment and hope it
will all turn out yet as you desire.
Monday P.M. Laura continues
better. She was more weakened than
we imagined, as she cannot walk
alone - her knees are so weak
and painful when she attempts
standing. She hears better to-day &
says she will write to you as soon
as she gets better. The last let-
ter Charlotte had from Miss Roth-
ingham she was in Rome. She
says that they are very much
concerned about taking care of
their health. I hope nothing sad

will happen to any of them.
I think more of the possibility
since we saw the death of Pres-
ident Hobsey's two daughters in
Jerusalem. — To come home
again Maria has so much to
do she is so often unfit for
study, I cannot push her.

Mr. Burwash took matters in
his own hands and left Mr. Bausch's
He is getting much higher wages
at Gilbert's. Uncle M. L. is in
a sad state — Dr. Howard has
been up from town and says he
is hopelessly insane and yet
Dan. we hear is following the
same reckless course. Is it not
sad for all the family?

The straight and narrow way is
the only safe one. Perhaps
we will get a letter from you
this P.M. — I hope so — but
we are always making allowances
for your silence. Don't ima-
gine Papa gives you means
grudgingly — he is only sorry at
not being able to do more for
you and all his children —
All join in sending love —

Believe me — as ever
your very aff. Mother
L. Harrington —