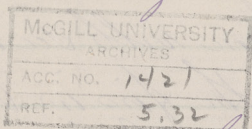


a letter from Mrs  
Harrington to her son  
Bernard -

1873

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My dear Bernie.

We were very glad to hear of your safe return and had not written to you because we did not know when the steamer was. Your letter and enclosure arrived safely, many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

It seems a long time since I left home and yet we have had a pleasant time. Going to Portland a meeting our old friends the Cushings, now 2 there besides finding some very agreeable people in the same house has made a pleasant society. Mr James Co & Mr Ross came last week and also Mr & Mrs Thomas Noble & Mr. Hobart - They board on this Island & we see them every day. They have been very polite. There

was great excitement here Saturday  
as you will see in the papers on account  
of the fire in Portland Harbour.

Several lives lost. The girls had  
been to Orchard Beach with the  
Mickles and the Cushings and saw  
persons dropping from a burning  
Boat into the water.

I have not  
been so well the last few days &  
was afraid it was because I tried  
sea bathing twice instead of showering  
my shoulders in my room, so I dis-  
continued. Mary enjoys the bathing  
and is decidedly better - eats & sleeps  
well and can walk farther - but  
not as a young girl should get.

Charlotte can go about on the rocks  
& such distances, I wish Mary  
could do the same. Aggie has been  
very pleasant company and seems  
very happy. We were very much



in hopes you would be going to  
Halifax & make us a visit. I would  
have been glad if the girls could have  
gone over to Bolton for a day as they  
are so near & Aggie would be glad  
to go. The express to leave here a  
week from to-morrow (Monday) has  
been fixed upon that time as Charlotte  
can have company when she leaves  
us at Tennesseeville to go to see Laura  
& Newton. Mr. Nelson said something  
about Mary stopping a few days with  
her - she may do so if Mrs. M. still wish  
as it - As for myself I would to go  
home & am sure Papa & the girls  
will be glad to see us all. You must  
have had a fatiguing trip but it was  
a change - I hope it did you good.  
I wrote to Mrs. Dorey to let her hus-  
band know our whereabouts - so that  
he would call if in our neighbourhood.

He sent a very pleasant mes-  
sage; but he has been in an-  
other direction. There is to be a  
meeting of the Scientific Men in  
Portland soon. I suppose Mc Gill  
College will be represented. Prof  
Cavan (I don't know how to spell  
the name) from Toronto preached  
here this morning - a most excel-  
lent sermon. Canada from  
Linnæus, London, Toronto, all the  
long down is represented here very  
creditably. - We did not forget  
your Birth-day as the time came  
round and wished & prayed the  
best things for you. I was afraid  
we would not have time to acknowl-  
edge your letter to-morrow morning as  
the mail leaves early so have done  
this duty this evening - Perhaps  
the girls would like a chance  
to say something so I will only  
add love from your  
Affectionate Mother