

July 28<sup>th</sup>

Dearest Bernard,

For once  
my early rising has been of  
benefit - to the whole family  
for promenading with  
Eric before 6<sup>o</sup> - this morning  
I discovered the ocean steam-  
ship Peruvian, wh. we hope  
contains our french boy -  
if there is no mistake on my  
part; & his plans are as they  
were, we expect to have been  
with us tonight - by the Queen-  
Bee.

I am very glad that you  
think your interests to return  
& will write to her myself  
tomorrow or next day - I give  
her some final directions

Had you not better lock  
up the silver you have been  
using in some drawer or  
box. It is solid silver you  
know, & the sideboard is  
scarcely a safe place for it.

And now pray what do  
you mean by warning the <sup>poor</sup>  
as the day you hope to come  
down you said before the  
8<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Ah! old humbug! I  
shall begin to be jealous of the  
old English science, if you de-  
lay coming. - I am afraid too  
that the poor eye is no better  
sometimes it seems better, &  
sometimes worse, but I fear  
the difficulty still remains  
It is the only thing about the  
darling that is not perfectly  
satisfactory, he takes his food  
quite nicely, & I intend to try  
him with green turgot &  
I fancy it is better than flour  
if it agrees with him -

I have received a note from  
Muriel telling me he had sent  
my things but so far they  
have not arrived - I hope for  
them today. As the Caly's  
second transverse is progres-  
sing finely, I shall now want the  
things I send far to finish it.

I gave two of yr bananas to  
Mrs Carpenter & she was de-  
lighted to get them, I hear that  
she is the only one at the  
hotel who does not grumble  
at the fare.

I see by the papers that  
Jessie Riley & Mr Harrison  
are married - That too was at  
the ~~old~~ Metis, & let us hope it  
will turn out as well as a  
other wedding with which  
Metis also had some connection.

We have lost nearly all our  
gentlemen, even Sweet William  
having gone up to Caecuma to  
play a football match. ~~Frank~~  
was one of the team & I expect

he will be disgusted when he returns to find that it is over, especially as Lorne Campbell had invited him to stay there & he was probably here had rather a good time.

Every one begins to talk of our boy as being very pretty who indeed he is. I think you will notice a great improvement when you come - It has never had "wind" badly & is settling down into nice regular sleep, by evening if he keeps well he will be a model baby. I feel sorry for every day you are losing of his precious baby days, he will so soon be a baby no more - There is much wisdom to be learned from our little baby than from all the books ever written -

With fond love

Yr. own Wife