

Melvis
Aug. 20th

My dearest,

Today has been
cloudy, & occasional little
misty sprinkles of rain fell
best - we have quite ceased to
pay any attention to such trifles
& sat upon the shore working
& reading, before dinner, within
a little further on a party of
Greenpaths appeared to be doing
the same, only they had umbre-
las which we had not -
after dinner I indulged in
an immoderate sleep - I did
not wake till 20 minutes to 4.30
to be sure it was about 2 1/2 be-
fore I went upstairs. But still
there did not seem to be much
afternoon left - I went down
to try & change my watchglass
wh. falls out continually, but
found the man packed up &
ready for departure, so must be
content with the one I have -

Then we went along the shore
& baby & I threw a number
of "bones" into the water, he
is acquiring quite a precision
in throwing them, & makes them
go some distance too -
After collecting all the mice
down I cd report the subject
of Heines - I bartered some
Magnesia, from Mrs Wilson
& gave the boy a dose, I will
give him another to-morrow
he seems a little better to-
day. & slept very soundly last
night - I don't mean by saying
that he is better that he has
been ill, only pale & fretty,
wh- with Janie's conviction of
his evil disposition is unfor-
tunate - Poor old soul! I
must have given you an
awful impression of her to lead
you to compare her to Komulus
Wolf - but I was so troubled
about her that day, & I am
still quite convinced that she
is insupportable for a great
part of her youth - Yesterday she was making
a big crawl to come & carry him
off - & a hypothetical mouse &

come & bite him, because he
would not go to sleep at once.
Eric did not seem terrified
I must say but even laughed
at the mention of the noise, as
if he considered it ridiculous
that perhaps he did not under-
stand. You know how, though
I laugh (as about it) it really
might have the most fatal ef-
fect on a child, to be left to
such a direction. & I feel
sorry to have to try a new person
where walls & doors are too thick
to hear what they may say or do.
Still "Courage" & I don't despair.

I am sorry that a day has been
lost about Mrs Gordon, for I
have had no word from her.
I conclude that my letter cannot
have reached her - however
you will soon know about it.

Your letter tonight was
very gladly received, I went
up to the Post, for it myself.
I am disappointed that you
find you have to stay in town
so long. I had quite hoped that
you would get off this week & that
we had brought our meeting some

as well as have chartered yr.
dismal Bohemian life, in town
I suppose I cannot help it how
however anxious I am to do
all I can for you, in this I ~~can~~
seem to be obliged to wait help-
lessly - You must be very careful
of yourself dear, & not delay or
neglect getting a comfortable
dinner every day. You will
dear, also send the note to Mrs
Scott I have her come up once
or twice a week ^{or} as you see
fit to put things straight
wash up yr - bed - clothes etc
She might take yr - washing
home to do it - it - wd be better
than merrig in the house -
I mean, you might give her
all yr - clothes to do up -

I am very sorry to hear
that yr - mother does not seem
so well, the damp weather has
doubtless been against her
how delighted she will be to see
you in September, the first of
the month comes on a Sunday
c'd you not go up to St Andrews
on Saturday, I go on yr. journey

Monday, even to have one day²
less of that solitude will be so
comfort to me - I then there
will only be one more Sunday
they are the days I feel most
know very lonely you must be.

Papa now intends to return
to Montreal by the 4th of Sept.
I will take Rosa with him,
then I will stay as long as
mamma is willing to do so,
for home has no attractions
when you are a very dearest.

Poor Mrs Carpenter has been
muddling so much at the hotel
that she has been in frequent
hot-water lately, such a pity that
she will interfere so - She is so
kind, she took Eric for a drive
today again, much to his delight
he did not want to get out of
the carriage at all, when he
came back - I thought he ap-
peared sleepy even before he
went - he managed to keep
awake all the way, not to
lose any of the enjoyment -

Eva says that in future
you are to address all your
letters to "Wirkenshaw", as she
will not claim them.

If you could get Jane's ad-
dress from Hamilton, I will
write to her, as you know
how dilatory & stupid these
sort of people are - You
see the holiday at Longst
will soon be over now -
Wed. Another cloudy day, rather
cold, surely Sept. will be very
passingly lovely this year -
Yours very loving
Annie