

is in town as not  
the day wrote & to  
the house & when  
to be home to write  
the day - to be better  
the weather was  
after the winter  
the day being  
washed & clean.  
I can't tell you  
how lovely it  
seems to be to be  
back here without  
you - I can't tell you  
how much I love  
you - what a  
delightful  
place -  
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sitting on the shore till just  
past 8 of the day, a full moon  
on the water, a full moon  
rising. Warm as a July  
evening. I wish so much that  
you could have had such  
weather while with me here.  
but I hope you are at least  
having it where you are.

Dear love & mine that  
our roots are up here, & the  
separation made, I begin to  
long so much to see home again.  
But I don't mean in  
heart, but with you, & mine, for  
that is the only real home.

Jane is willing to stay till  
the end of the month I make  
herself generally useful, indeed  
I begin to feel quite sorry to  
part-withe her, she has done  
so much better lately, & the  
boy seems so fond of her.

However, it was she who  
said she wd go. I at any  
rate gave I can take my  
all her affairs comfy, at  
home. I begin to repent  
having advised you to stay  
as long as possible, for I feel  
as if I ~~is~~ not get on without  
you, at all, at all. I hope  
it wont be later than Monday  
at any rate - My packing  
is all done, except the few  
little things that must be  
left till morning, & I am  
delighted to find that I am  
not worn out, having taken

two rests in leisure intervals.

William stops at Quebec  
we have heard that the  
election now lies between him  
& one other candidate but the  
decision they say will be de-  
layed till the election is over.  
Boney is out again by the  
last ship. Wife has seen  
Faard who is better. The Dr.  
says may by thinks get up  
a little ~~over~~ <sup>this</sup> week.

I will take this with me  
I add a few lines in town -  
as you see I have got into an  
confirmed habit of writing  
that I can't resist even on  
the last night. I feel quite  
anxious to get the letter that  
I hope awaits me in town, it  
was so dismal to know that  
I'd expect none tonight.

The Gill College  
Thursday May

Dearest - All the journey  
over we have arrived safely  
sound, we got away from  
Metis less tired than I had  
expected, & the journey was as  
comfortable as it could be. Eric  
exceedingly good. Never tired  
at all night or day, we spoke  
perpetually of the "dog" - took  
self-participation. Eric had been  
showed him in the geography  
book - the smoke tab, both of  
called "smoke" greatly amused  
him - altogether he looked so  
honey, & behaved so nicely that  
I was quite proud of my little  
son - At this moment I feel  
quite dazed & scarcely know  
where to begin, the house was  
worse in order than I had ex-  
pected & the careless seems over-  
flawed with the great things for  
the mouth & eyes - I feel much  
the want of yr. advice about  
household matters - but feel  
at least clear on two points  
that I must - be Mrs. Gardiner  
get a cook, Eva has one in view  
for Mr. Lee - I have made a  
inquiries as yet - Today I shall  
probably devote myself to these  
two duties - after I have a rest  
I have not heard whether yr. mother