

Little Melis  
June 15<sup>th</sup>

write more - but  
I fear you will  
all my heart love  
& pray for  
strengthen your  
with his strength  
Sincerely  
Anna  
Bernard,

The mail tonight  
was very late, & I only got  
your letter after 8 o' - &  
am truly sorry that you  
have no better news to tell  
though I scarcely hoped for  
good news after all the  
past weeks - you have  
indeed had sorrow upon  
sorrow in your family  
but in one sense it is better  
to be able to minister to the  
needs & cheer the last days  
of the loved ones, than to be  
the one who carries the hearts  
of those left, & to wear the  
willow pluck in long service

at least - I w<sup>d</sup> choose that  
I think - I w<sup>d</sup> rather bear  
any pain, than cause it - to  
others - but - happily, most  
happily we cannot choose  
but only take & bear what  
is given by the Wise & Loving  
Father. Poor Laura must  
be very weary, give her my  
love & sincerest sympathy.

Do not worry about  
us, we are 7, & in numbers  
strength right - to be old  
Muckle was on hand to  
day, & has put the Penstock  
to 'soak' - no water in them  
& the whole country dry -  
Today has been cloudy &  
rained a little wh<sup>ch</sup> made  
the going out a little more  
troublesome - & of course it  
has been a hard day, but  
we have got pretty well  
on - Eric was very useful  
before we left home, but  
hopelessly sick on the train

Wrote up all over his new suit -  
He has put in all the plants. I should  
I had many little things, very well  
but what were most on his mind?  
previous recent affairs - We had flowers  
I saw very first - meal - cherry blossoms  
I promised - Belletta has been very  
good I have washed like a boy in  
this & he - taking things to their places  
as I unpacked them

Tomatoes I must - see how they  
Old buckets got some eggs but found 5 or  
6 in them, quite absent - what - in  
game in St. Catherine St. I don't know  
to give that - Henry's name is still being  
marked at, they have got a yellowed

looking well <sup>II</sup> I have not been to the  
I have I found by to get - ministers glass  
the their entered by 28 - study wrote the  
water shorter I cut out - a name, with  
you that I miss - except the spring seal  
I which suggests for bottles had been  
Sometimes over - also I found a number  
of keys, not - of not - for bottles' may belong  
to the hardware - I will try to work  
the glass - little boy is well. The only  
Bottle I my being so long is that I  
so with, milk - what - each I hope that  
will improve - Several parcels that  
I told me to be sent to take a bottle of tonic  
no had - I do not get it - then I do not  
I get parcels' with or for delivery take  
with you I will take & send it - over - I am too tired