

Little Inlets

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Dearest,

We all wish you many happy returns of the day we have talked of you & lamented your absence. Edith has suggested to the little ones that they sh^d all be extra good, as it was father's birthday - though I am bound to confess the admonitions had scarcely the desired effect, as the day was wet & cold & Conrad was very rampageous - he wants a firm hand & though I try to do the best thing with him, I am much too irritable, & tired, to efficiently deal with him.

We hope for finer weather tomorrow. Yesterday I sent a lovely bunch of black roses to Mrs Redpath & we had peas again for dinner, the crop not-nearly being exhausted. I hope soon to hear that you

see the end of your labours, &
can appoint a time for "East-
ward Ho!" but feels the sum-
mer time to be on the wane,
now that August has fairly
set in -

Conrad went to Sandy-
Bay last week, & returned
with the news that to mend
the church there, "bell-sewing
with its bell" was that
not a capital idea? he is
full of notions, but always
in that state of jugulesitic
feeling, that he must either
gain it, or make a raw, rag,
says he is a revival of the old
horse type - & certainly has in
full measure the stomach
for a fight - that I so often
regretted Eric being without.

I got a very good tin type
of him & baby, the few days since
& have only been deterred sending
it to you by the uncertainty of
your whereabouts & the fear
of losing what cd not be replaced.
Baby improves
wonderfully - I am sure you
will see a marked difference
in him - he is a very funny
& small cater, which is a pity,
won't take kindly to raspberries

as a substitute for his beloved "Bacon's Sermons" -
Burdette is cutting the hay - art. will
improve the look of the estate. Sumner has
been presented with a letter which
has made a great commotion in the house,
& which has fallen in love with a pretty letter
written by a - rather's mother, which being one of
found the answer to it - I was not at all
wonder the creature, but if it were only for
the summer I could put up with it - I
have such an objection to put that - I feel
am easily a fair jewel - I such matters -
seems to this to hang thinking that - I see in
the pretty case to return the after - anything
not - not they will follow - I see to know
I wish - advised more in this way - such
the next - letter from me - gives the such
directions - I received 35 - two letters from

Vancouver, one before & one after your visit
to Victoria - Florence is allowed to read her
name back to them - I suggest her to do so a
month ago - as she is one of those hopelessly
impracticable people - & is receiving Victoria
temporarily - is not naturally of the essential
character of records or letters etc.

"Father when we were coming down
you'll recall the fine advertising that this company
have, I envisage not - I think I have got
two copies of it now -

Yours sincerely
Anna