

Saranac Lake
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My dearest B.,

I got the \$50. all right. The children's school bills will be coming in, & if I only knew about the screening, I wd send you a cheque for the two amounts. Please remember to tell me as to Mrs M. - when I was in town she said I must promise to let her know whatever I wanted, I don't not-exactly promise, but I said wd. c. & means to get through the summer expenses, but if there was to be any further winter expedition that we really had nothing to go upon except the prospect of the payments on the farm. She probably expects me to write & ask for some money, but I don't feel like that, though I don't like to hurt her feelings by not acceding to what she really requested earnestly. People who have never needed to receive such favours, do not understand how difficult it is to "ask" & indeed

we certainly are bound to do our
best - as far as possible, though
that means the crippling of our
power to help the others for years
to come - which also, ^{settled} ~~settled~~ ^{judges}
will not consider. I tell you
this low! because you sh^d not put
our neighbor, she thinks she has
given us unlimited leave to apply
& is waiting till we do, that is her
view - & if we were absolutely
unable to pay the next expense
I w^d ask her. I enclose your former
last letter, very kind, & good as
usual - I think I will ask him
to retⁿ the children esp. in the skating
line this winter, ^(as I. M. M.) suitable exercise
seems the best thing for Clara
the riding will be over, & she &
Kath & Len might go, I think but
K. w^d have to go "quit" - I wonder
she w^d like it or if she ever has
skated. If she liked it, I fancy we
c^d get the 3 children's ticket - I was
as governess at the \$11.00 rate, at
anyrate I w^d try, then as to school
I think Clara is much better to go
on, till the last term, if at all, but
but it w^d be no serious loss to take
her out - the spring term, & let her
be out of doors during the trying
spring weather, as this is her second
year in her class, I do not think it
w^d prevent her going on next year.

This is dear little son's birthday I hope it will go off happily
I fear the party will be a difficulty, - what we do find
it is wonderful what children go through, with no
haircut - hats, but - I fear this change of situation
in the nursery - had will do with them, in calling
watts & Henry & Mary, as cold & ragged? I think a boy
& his - want them cold - I wish the nursery to see
I wish will the dear lady have to eat? How
little heart! & want to attend, & yet - I somehow think
& I have her than the others, he is not the least
in the few days I was at home - I can't think
as is about, & I can't think of what
I have another & speak to papa about that
boys own papers - Eric wanted it - also
given but - did not think if it is time, in no
with that in it, & if you had mention it -
it - I suppose if he had not already done so -
we had intended to go up to the
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and - would for the money by notes, & the good man was
away? he suggested if in some way, & the whole day
not arrive. Pauley again slowly & unceremoniously at us
the whole. & ultimately with another set of sets was a
real order, we were out - for 4 hours - & we saw the
longer but - she was sitting in anticipation of the
official of the money = the enclosed press within &
for health = Papa has sent - no time books & several
papers, for which thank him - with all the money
& unobscuring time is more limited than ever.
have also received the receipt of revenues -

I had a long letter from Reina, speaking of
our recent visit (unnecessary letters, & in a way
degrees of the British relations, always respecting the
Government; the occasion was my returning that I thought
if - we to write his subject & make an effort to visit them
as several had spoken to me, of this subject - that also I had
were almost - changes - I believe & add a part - it - we
the same purpose are further process & full of nations of
& no one has ever been really kind but the Basque
Dance, & the set like & their of ballets in a good way & not
like has been creative - I really did not know to the
you that

but it is a curious recollection
of a stoned point, - very impossible to
me: I quite sympathize with Laura
clinging to her friends however un-
suitable, & her ideas inclined to think
the B. is rather malignant, but they
must be of a bad & narrow spirit -
& Laura must have been too young
to in any respect understand, or
partake of your mother's liberal
spirit, just views - or social charity.
I wrote to L. at once, saying I was
sincerely sorry she had touched
on a sore subject - but that my
blame was mine, that of "Hush
here" - & I did not try to put her
right, or offer her one of the forcible
views that I positively acted to send
into her - After all, peace & love
are worth more than even
sense, & char. right - & I wd be
sorry to alienate Laura in any
way - she has put herself into a
narrow enough corner, but I wd
my driving her further in, & in
days some day, we may help to
pull her out!

Thus I have used up time
I shd have spent otherwise &
I fear ruffled your sensitive
spirit - into the bargain - Dear
love - quite a row of kisses &
several hugs to above, I only
wish I cd give you three in your

earnest = -

Louise
& Anna -