

Saranac Lake
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Dearest Love,

We had a real day of
sunshine yesterday, & though the
air was cold, we found sitting
out - absolutely warm - in the sun's
cheerful beams. Then after cleaning
we went for a drive in Jim's top.
Eric seems to me, less tired after a
long drive than after sitting out
& if only weather & roads hold, I
must keep it up.

I am exceedingly, deeply sorry for
Anna Mc Donald's marriage. Poor
Mr. Mc D. - it seems an evil reward for all
his generous care & I fear the poor girl
herself will find she has had a awful
time of it, after her independent &
wealthy life at No 3 - a nobody in a
mother's house. Though I do not
surprised that you sh^d not have
found time to call, I sincerely think
it is your duty, & not his, to do the looking
up. He came to see me twice after,
you went to England. & the last time
though I knew about Eric, I did not
mention it to him - which I felt was
scarcely friendly, but the shock was
fresh & I felt I c^d scarcely go into it
calmly & that it was not fair to risk dis-
tressing him by losing my self control.
but I have thought several times that
when he heard of it - from others he must
have thought I purposely excluded him
from a friend's privilege. He must
have felt dreadfully depressed by Anna's
affair - & indeed we have never been

as kind to him, a lovely man, as we
sh^d have been, I don't wonder he
clings to those who have made him
feel at-home - & as for the laboratory
of course you wd not press that but
it is no reason for suspecting him.

I have almost quite finished
my money here are one or two
dollars left - but I asked Mrs
Baker if it wd make any difference
if I did not pay her this coming
Friday, but wait till you come.
She said no - so I will send \$25.00
this Friday, also I considered if you
sh^d offer to pay Dr Deuse so far as
not of course if we go home but I
mean if we stay on - I have
Mrs M.'s 100.00 in case of need & to
pay our services - so I am all right
till you come.

Eric was delighted with the
box - & still appreciates the Easter eggs
thinks them better than Hall & Scotts
The jelly he also likes & I think you
ought bring me a little more Wafers
about a pint jar, which does not go far
Do not bring fruit - unless something
out of the way - Wafers sent - Malaga grapes
which Eric does not care for & we have
several times bought them here - of two
kinds far green, haars - are there any of the
California to be got - I bought a grape
fruit here a few days ago but Eric
has not cared to attack it - he likes
Japanese apples - I can find some here
once, but I have been a little doubtful
about giving much to him - He has
been greatly relieved from flatulency
the last two days - I believe that once
Dr G. gave him really did him harm &

he is now having something different
from Treacher rather on hold they
to me pills with camphor, & some like
anodyne, & I don't know what else, but
I suspect - bismuth: he sleeps so well
since he has taken them, they seem
to diminish the unrest of that flatulency
& he looks so relieved -

Mrs Malton appeared not to be
acquainted with coxistones, &
to like the idea of having two for
our carriage, so I have them on hand
they are heavy, but w^d be the greatest
comfort to carriage folk -

Mrs Seybold asked us to discuss
a few days seeing but I was afraid
to risk it, - but we are going down
to take afternoon tea, & trolley or to
marriage - if Eric saw more people
it w^d be a great help to him - in
making the effort to live out of him-
self -

I hope you read Flare's letter
she is anxious to have baby's
photo - & one might be sent to her, &
a N. was several from some of the
children, she apparently regrets the
home she has left -

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but if she is better in health that
makes esp. for a good deal - I know
she was often very wretched while

with us =

Mrs Peck seems to have been
most anxious to be kind to the
children - I only wish the plaffar
of the family was more to my mind
No one has told me if Willy Carleton
is better, or if Mrs Lu- is coming
home or no. I suppose he must
be, or I could have heard of it.

I don't know of anything
else except a little book I went
north to get - ^Watching out -

Lovingly

Anna

Father -