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Dearest, The table seemed  
sadly here with three  
members away, both  
mother & Geo. Come in & see  
me the best of it. I  
think the chicks were all  
well pleased though we  
missed the books that  
always seemed our  
heritage when papa was  
with us. & neither Mary  
T. or Mrs Hunt sent the  
children things - however  
grandmother Niedmiret  
sent each something.  
Pictures for the little girls,  
a train unfolding reel of  
a parrot for Hattie -  
& a very clever watch strikes  
for her with a British flag

& a legend - "Scratch me, & I'm  
your match"

A. Campbell sent Ruth &  
con each \$5.00. & uncle Geo.  
gave them ditto so they  
sh<sup>d</sup> be well in pocket.  
Clare sent out quite a lot  
of things thoughtfully chosen  
as one wd expect. Gaus &  
Bernardi are put away.  
He seems quite happy &  
I hope will be a useful  
experience for him. I am  
rather out of heart about  
his lessons, wh. certainly  
have not been definite or  
directed to following up the  
High School course which  
is the main aim. Miss Baker  
says she cannot see he has  
got on at all with Arith-  
metic, only gone over some  
old work in a more old  
fashioned method. He does  
not seem to have touched  
grammar - or Scripture



walk of which was necessary for getting  
him today, I can get no account of us, what  
he has not been reading as forming any  
of the signs I should look for. It is unfortunate  
altogether = Knowing very well that  
his general intelligence will not be  
impaired especially = It is the opinion  
we need - Please I hope I shall really get  
get him on if slowly, I shall really get  
rather he did learn in a matter of  
As soon as the present time

When arrived the day - now having  
we will of matters. Following  
got letters from General Ross & from  
reg all children - was chosen  
with the biggest book of the little girl  
& with ourselves much pleasure with  
the poems & such songs, also the songs

which arrived today - "I am told the  
news of 'our' victory" "the big victory"  
news & so on, being these letters  
concerning these rich-people - I do hope  
the victory will be a great one  
I am just up a bit - no doubt you  
will be a confounding when you  
hear nothing - I am sure you  
the success that we are about to  
with I fear that too much of a  
low power victory will, as the  
back at - but I am sure  
quite sure today - I hope also  
a good deal what has been  
some others & much interest, but  
is very much all low -  
Anna -