

L. S. Mariner
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Dearest B -

The voyage is now
well nigh over it has been
quite calm today, but still
only a few hours of doubtful
sunshine - not one bright
sunset. Everyone is very
friendly now. I have been
perfectly well, all through
& have had a salt bath
every morning but one when
I overslept. The meals are
extremely good, every kind of
dainty on the menu. I even had
tea & coffee, usually excellent.

I earnestly hope that all
goes on well at home. Mother
Clare and Ruth looked very
fit when I came away & I
shall certainly feel happier
about them when safe at
Metis. & if Miss Howard gives
the children exams. I think
you had better not let Eva
take them who worries and
shouts about them, & if they

before the 15th if Clare lets
Mrs Boney know she will
arrange for the class to meet
at her house, or Mrs Kennedy's
I hope Woffie has continued
his improvement in doing
his work at Miss Gardner's
he had begun to try, & overcome
his difficulties =

I feel very far away from
you all - & it seems so nice
for the Teachers to be all together
& enjoying themselves - I wish
we could have done it that
way - however - I will make
the best of it - Some of the
people on board have been
quite interesting, so many
from China - A ^{an} ~~one~~ officer
who took his men into
Pekin to relieve the legation
& the other a naval man
who was with the first
expedition which had to
turn back

I shall hope to hear
some news of you within
a day or two of my arrival
as the N. of route is so
much speedier than this

I shall try & write to Mother
as soon as I arrive at Quat
as that will interest her
more than the voyaging.
& I shall want to include
know how Mrs Ingham goes
on. - I hope she continues
to gain, with finer weather
& do be careful of your
dear self - you have been
risking altogether too much
this spring, in working as
you have been doing. & I
fear there is not likely to
be much relief till you
get off to Quatis. & for every
ones sake as well as your
own, that should be early.
It is another difficulty
I do hope that he has had
the resolution to see to
Mother, & at least not harass
her - If you see Lefleur be
sure & tell me what he
thinks for if R - comes over
I shall send every hint I
can get -

now I must turn my
face the other way, I weave
myself into the English life

I found Audrey quite
interesting, though a small
as to the evening a good
deal of the writing was
clear. One of the Pupper
girls is reading it now.

With much love
to one & all & if one of the
girls would send a line
to Clarence & tell her of
this first letter I would
be glad.

Please tell me all
that goes on & don't try
to make it all colour &
rose or I shall not be
easy in my mind at all.

With much love
Anna