

Little Mitis
July 23rd 1906

Re: Routine

Dearest Love, We were glad to get your letter telling of your perit days in London. They certainly were full, but you were happy in seeing both Iniers, & the Lord Braunt. It was nice to find R. looking so well. & Margaret so attractive. It looks now as if R. was to be the "do little" link between a wonderfully active father & a remarkable child. I think that Margaret - c'd not be obscure or credit for little, & to have a warm & affectionate nature with it meant much. R. himself was like that when he was young, & that is why mother always clung to him so. She is so incapable of expressing feeling herself, & indeed felt it a duty to repress foolish demonstrations that it made a rather good & stand of atmosphere in the house. The mental plan was where we met & were at home & liberty. R. was the only one who stepped over all this, & so kept his mother & make much of her, he never was sympathetic with father. No one could imagine R. like this now, but he still is most nice to see one who submits to him, always.

kind to servants & young people
& if he stands between his mother
& his daughter as the best beloved
he does not do so badly.

To meet men of worth on
equal terms, & to sit at well
appointed tables & observe the
families, seems to me the very
best education for B. S. - He
already writes his slang &
adopts a more dignified style
he seems to write many letters
a few of good careful descrip-
tion might be made improving
I hope he will see the King
I thought he & Anne might
want to go to Billy. & if Lord
Strathcona had one of his recep-
tions it wd be grand for the lot
to see those he describes as big
bugs - & their manners wd no
doubt strike him.

Britanny seems to be your
immediate goal - but soon we
will get your program.

Eva says in her last letter
that Mrs Armstrong is very
seriously ill, & has a specialist
from Edinburgh to see her. - I
cd get no particulars of what
the trouble was or what
was feared. she was as grass
mere.

I fancy you both will be
glad to get out of the big city
& row through a simple country

If you could take in a few of the smaller french cities, they are fascinating & have so much strong local colouring. But as you told Chateau, - Dear God how many things there are to see. B.S. has some ideas of the French revolution, so make the most of it when you come upon its traces. I am making the young ones here read about that. This summer, as we are about to visit near something very similar in the Russian Empire. The peasant burning houses on 15 estates represents the high water mark of discontent has now reached.

Mrs Law is with Mrs. Fleet now, & goes to another later this week, we must then help all we can =

Clare finally declined the Porter invitation - I hope it was not turning away from a chance of Clare being young for a little, but it did not seem wise for me to be under obligation to Dr P. I felt that sooner or later it wd put you in some awkward position with him - but I do wish she cd get away from all the burdens, & be free & young, for a change - Here

it - is all little obligations &
smiting & helping this one &
that. Eira & Lai are having
a grand time, lots of yacking
boys - but no men except the
Benedicts:

Mrs M. is as jolly as ever
& looking well & fat, & Miss
Holmes is from our point of
view the best yet.

Our weather is wonderful
but alas for the garden!
Everything very small &
poor - even the plants drooping
their strong leaves. We
water them all we can -
but long for rain -
I must go, but
will write soon again.

Love from all

Aina