

Little Metis
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The Kennedy
my second than
you than
the last that
is interested
in -
Lorely
Adna
Cler's Kull
to
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think

Dear - Bernard,
We were glad
to get your letter from Paris &
was surprising to encounter Ely
Sargent at such a hotel - but the
americans are clever in finding
what suits them, & a place of the
kind you describe wd be apt
for a long stay: Is the expense
much less than at an ordinary
hotel - We eagerly await news
of Brittany - I really do not know
much about its attractions,
but there are of course quaint
towns. & Dredical remains
I suppose you will be walking
& driving from place to place
rather than rushing in trains
I will send you 193: as it is
all about - Brittany, & in parts
is fine writing. Please bring it
back as sometimes to get a
cheap copy of such a work is
difficult.

Conrad has been down
since Wednesday morning
he looks very well, but
was extremely thin: No sign

They just had him juice & water
for breakfast - with biscuits
It was too hot to eat - For a time
several of them got a very nice
dinner at the restaurant run
by those scotch girls - They came in
late - I got something fresh cooked
The C.P.K. with their usual thrift
declined to give Cor. the 75.00 -
though Luc Cornell had promised
it to him - The higher authorities
said students ought to be thank-
ful to get any pay - A lot of the
new graduates from R.M.C. have
had a govt job at St. Lambert
& each get \$66.00 a month - How-
ever two of them came into town
sick & Kadelick feared typhoid
one was Maxwell - & Cor. took
him in, till the Dr. decided
what was amiss. Cor. leaves
this evening & his exams are
about 14th & he is due at
Beaconsfield the 22^d - I wonder
he is used up I think it is
scarcely worth while his coming
back here for 3 days or 4!

The excessive heat continues
in town & also here. I never
have known such a summer
76 & 78 in the mornings - by
then - has given out so I don't

know what it goes up to - but
last night - all the population
was sitting out - along the
shore till nearly midnight
too hot to go indoors - The
upstairs balconies are very stir-
ling - clouds of dust driven
over everything - The pump
water has given out - for a
week back & we have just
given up the garden to its
fate - except the front bed
& the secret-jeas which
we are trying to preserve.
If we make you wish to
see the poppies - the tulips
have been pretty good
though small - but the
shirleys are naught - & the
big double ones like large
carnations - the nasturtium
came out in about 3 days
with no stalks, & the Cal. ^{poppy}
are just - scorched, even the
big ruffled ones are drooping
& no flowers - This morning
we have had heavy showers
from the south - which will
help the crops, at least the
potatoes - I save some of the
garden flowers - the new
Kudrucksias are very handsome

though stunted -
The town is said to be as
hot as ever.

Mrs Beck had a dance
at the town hall on Saturday
the girls said it was like a
children's party - but that all
depends on the point of view
Laird's quite approved of it - &
Con. was not scared.

Bliss arrived yesterday
morning - & is very glad to
be here again. Mr says that
Vicar has had very hard
work - but he had 4 or 5
days holiday owing to the
removal into new laboratory.
& he goes to L. Watley on the 14th
to study for his sup. - & to
visit his mother - he does
not seem to be likely to stop
over here - Mrs Laird was a
very pleasant visitor for
mother - we hoped that
Dr & Mrs Sterling wd have
stayed over a few days with
her. but Mrs S. had suffered
so much with asthma in
Halifax that she was in haste
to get inland as soon as
possible 2

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Ruth is looking much better
but is still thinner than I
w^d like to see her - She w^d like
to go back to N.Y. next winter &
continue her work, but so far
I do not see my way to it - I in-
deed it - took a great deal out
of her though I think the best
of the last month & her anxiety
about Evelyn were factors
that need not recur - I w^d
like her to be at home till Feb.
& then go over to the other side
& see all the c^d there & have an
opportunity to meet people &
meanwhile Lou & B.S. may be
doing far themselves & w^d
c^d further her enterprises
if useful -

I am wondering if it
might not be wise to send
Will to St Johns as a weekly
lecturer he c^d not then stop
his work & the masters w^d see
what he did & what he c^d &
c^d not do - He certainly learned
almost nothing last year & he
lost his books / I fear on purpose
at the end he had two or 3
books in each subject & of
course learned nothing while
they were away - the same with
stockings & running shoes -
a boy who he brought up one

day said he scarcely ever went
to swimming - & if he made up
cuses for that - they were not
right ones - he does not know
how to swim a stroke as far as
I can learn here - he flies into a
temper if it is mentioned & he
is supposed to have had two
terms of 5 or 6 weeks at the
swimming bath - I cannot
deal with this sort of thing
when I cannot depend upon
his word - & I fancy his masters
have had queer reports of my
wishes - if he were harbouring
he c^d not do these things &
he has no time to lose - at the
same time he evidently & ^{by} his
nature hates other people's
society, & loves to work away
on his own lines. He occupies
himself without any trouble
& is happiest thus - does a lot
of good work too - about the
garden & grounds - He still
makes unhappy looking boats
& water wheels & has painted
an astonishing number of things

I believe that it might
happen that to be obliged to live
with others, & run in a herd
might drive him to desperation
I believe he just feels ^{desperate}
when he is bullied about ^{his} work

glad to have him go, if it
is at all as cast.

There are several nice boys
here - & I have had them to tea
& done all I can - Will is de-
lighted for two or three days
& then the boys vanish, I
fear they won't stand with
overhearing ways -

We are very anxious to
know where next you in-
tend to go. & I do hope you
will stay away as late as
you possibly can, both on
your own account & B.S.'s
& take it quietly & keep
mainly to the country. I
w^d like the lad to see some
mountains. Brenda's Indian
has arrived, but I have
not seen her - she said B.S.
was coming along by rail
th. just as he used to come
along the Met's road - at
the same leisurely sewing.

Rankin said B.S. was astonish-
ing both as to size & prudence
that it was a great gift in
itself - From which I conclu-
ded that he had tried to
"drew" him & not succeeded
so well as with Con & Victor.
Mrs M.'s best love - Harbinger
seems to be having a class of archi-
tecture, I never heard about

at home & at school. Still the
question is Can he have his own
way, & follow in B.S.'s steps - he
might - but he now he obliged
to conform & walk in the ap-
pointed track, & have the ap-
pointed tasks - till he is able
to reach the usual standards
& then his personal inclinations
may develop. It is hard that
all the usual learning seems
so difficult to him, but it is
not at bottom a determination
to do as he chooses - & that can
only lead to failure. He still
grows fast, but steps less
& I think a few months may
see him past the worst stage
I try my best to let him feel
his own powers, & to praise
him for anything good. The
girls are good to him, but
he is very trying sometimes.
& very nice all others.

I hate to bother you
about this but I will have
to write about it to Mr For-
bery about the 24th when
he will be back. It is a
very important thing - to
make a mistake about.

Today he has gone out deep
sea fishing with Mr Mitchell
& his little son & I am so