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Tuesday

Dearst George

Your letter dated 18th (Saturday) just received gives me much pleasure. You write as if there was some life & enjoyment going on where you reside; I hope still you do not forget to sympathize with your suffering friends left behind who only exist. For we have as yet only slight ameliorations of the heat & not a drop of rain. It is quite sad to look at the grass or garden, even

buttermilk has been many hours quite
yellow. Mr. Baynes has got a new hose
with which he could & water his own
steps but hitherto I could not have
the benefit of it as it required a screw
soldered on to the water tap to attach
it. I put off from day to day in the
hope it would soon rain but
in despair I have got Bayly to do put
on the needed piece today & Rankine
looks for the cog. when he can use
it.

Thank you very much for so kindly
thinking of the need of my going away
from the heat. The days on which I
can take it quite easy & read or sew,
I don't feel it uncomfortable, but this

are days (I cannot avoid them while
there are people to provide for & work-
men about the house) when there is
a good deal to attend to, I find I get
soon exhausted. Still Rankin & I are
well. Should sickness overtake any of us
I should, I think, hasten off to Musrap Bay.

I did ^{not} know that there were so many
passengers in the Gaspé; however papa
& William are in house & stable safely.

We expect Anne & Eva home
tonight accompanied by Mr. Brown
I shall ask A. to write to you soon.

I would not have written to you
today again but for the object of welco-
ming the swimmers.

I sent your clothes yesterday. I trust
you will exercise all due care to keep
them clean. I hope too they will fit perfectly.

There are so few persons in town that
I know, that I see ~~know~~ no one. The
bell rings twice with newspapers, twice
with Hamilton. I rarely at other times.

Have you seen anything of the ^{Filmings}
I hope you are very frank & attentive to
any of our friends who come to the Hotel.

Mr. King being one of the very few men
who have ever insulted papa I trust you
are especially gracious to him. I think Miss
Radford would be glad of any hint about
her stuffing perhaps she has told you. She
likes stuffing them herself. The specimens I saw
were not very good.

I hope the Concert was successful.

Tell me if you feel stronger? If they are
attentive to your wants at the Hotel. & the names
of any one that shows kindness to you.

With every good wish ever believe
me yours very affectionately
Markes