

~~Sydney~~ Sydney, Monday, July 27th 1868.

Please excuse the writing & composition for I'm awfully tired.

When are you going to write? 6:30 p.m.

Dear George,

You can't think what a time we have had since I wrote to you last!

On Thursday at 12.20 p.m. we left Port Hood. 3.45 Passed ~~by~~ Cape St George. There were a great quantity of jelly jelly-fish off C. St. George. 5.45 arrived at Port Hood. 6.10 Left ~~on~~ by stage for Whykokomach (Pronounced why-koh'-o-ma)

We then drove on ~~to~~ in the stage-coach, to ~~the~~ Mabou. ~~There~~ We got our tea there & started again at quarter to 9. At 9.30 we stopped somewhere on other, & watered the horses. I rose about this time. I only slept from 10.40 till 11.40. The sledges rose at 12.30 A.M. We arrived at Whykokomach at 1 A.M. Papa then went to a sort of

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hotel, ~~to~~ & asked the man what sort
of accomodation he had. He ~~say~~
said that he had some "bunks"
up stairs; which papa went up
to see, ~~to~~ but he thought
that the ladies would occupy
them all so he thought we had
better go down to the steamer
"Neptune" that we were going
to start in, in the morning. We
~~got to~~ went down into what I
suppose was the cabin, where there
were some, sort of benches, (more
like steps) all round the room.
We laid down on one of the
said benches & tried to go to sleep;
which papa succeeded in doing,
but I only slept till 4.15 because
I was not very sleepy, & also because
there were two horrid, dirty looking,
boys, sleeping in two hammocks,
one of whom snored as if he had
a frightful cold in his head,
& ~~had~~ had n't used his ~~hand~~

handkerchief for three weeks.
We started in the above mentioned
steamer for Sydney at 5.50.
We arrived at Badddeck at 8.5
& left again at 8.30. 12.45
Passed Point deoni. 1.45 Arrived
at N. Sydney, & went to the
new dominion hotel, which is
as bad as its name.^{3.15} We left
N. Sydney ~~at~~ in a sail-boat. 4 PM
Arrived at Mr. Ross's, who is as a
proprietor (?) of a mine. We then
started along the shore. 7.15
Returned to the Ross's & had our
tea. The shells in here in Sydney
harbour are much the same as
at Orchard Beach.

On Saturday we went along the
shore on the south side ~~of~~ of
the harbour, (the side Mr. Ross lives
on), & examined a whole lot
of coal beds. We returned & had
our dinner & afterwards went
along the shore again, & started at
6.30 for ~~to~~ N. Sydney, in the same
sail-boat as we came in.

On Sunday we didn't go to church in the morning for the nearest place where there was service was three miles off. In the afternoon we went to the Bethel church which is quite near. We took a walk after tea.

Today (Monday) we started in a carriage ^{in the morning} for Foyd's cove where we arrived at 9.30.

~~Arrived at~~ We got into a row-boat & went to Cranberry Rd. where we gathered a good many fossils. ~~We got~~ ~~of the~~ into the boat again & went again to Foyd's cove. We then started for Mr. Brown's & got our dinner there. We then went onto the shore & walked all along it as well as we could for the points that we couldn't get round, & had to go along the road a piece. We arrived at ~~the~~ hotel again in time for tea. Yours affectionately
William.