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Dear George,

I hope you spent your birthday pleasantly, & with ~~of~~ great rejoicings. We were unable to do so as we did not bring down any powder.

I have employed myself this morning in ~~not~~ fixing my braces; the leather had got rotten, & was giving way everywhere. So I got some more at "Jean Gagnons, Cardonnie", & made all the leather pieces again. As I had them since June 22, 1869, it was no wonder

My braces
stay "Halla Britannica"
Bonninlet

They were beginning to give way.

I saw such a clever picture the other day. It was out of some comic paper: There was a round table, & on one side stood "Mother Britannia", & on the other "Uncle Sam", "Mother B." was teaching her little daughter "Canada" (who had a ^{little} ~~gun~~ ^{gun}) to walk, ~~it was say~~ on the table, & was ~~saying~~ saying "Take care my child!", whereupon "Uncle Sam" with outstretched arms, replied, "Oh! never mind, if she falls I'll catch her". Of course I had this stuck up on the wall.

See what a fine government we have here! Do you know

what they've done next? ~~They~~
"Recommended the Privy Council
to grant ~~Kiel~~ the R.R.
Insurgents a general amnesty!
which, of course was granted.
Isn't that fine! In a few
years I suppose Kiel will
have ^{a government situation} ~~a seat in parliament~~
like Hincks! Of course this
is quite just! ~~As~~ A great in-
couragement to loyal subjects!
& a terrible warning to all
who may rebel in future!!!
It's just about what might
be expected from our "model"
Government. ~~They~~ They're
talking of raising a standing
army here which I suppose will
be another ~~so~~ pretext for
Mr. E. Cartier & C, & C, & C, to raise
money for their own benefit.

The other day I made a pair of parallel bars, on which to exercise.

Anna is taking numbers of sketches this summer, & is improving ~~to~~ very much even in the estimation of one like me, of uncultivated eye. She has gone down past ^{the} Mrs C. wart today with R. & E. to take another.

!!! We expect Papa next Tuesday if all goes well, but perhaps business may detain him longer.

Bob McL.'s birthday was on the 3rd, & they have gone out today for a foot picnic, to the Frazer falls, with the Reddys.

Believe me your affectionate brother
William.