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My dear George

I fear I shall be
 your only correspondent this week.
 Papa says he is too busy. William has
 the same tiresome excuse & Anna not
 yet returned. The trains are so irregular
 that letters are delayed days on the way.
 We are longing very much to have Anna
 home again. I had expected her before
 this, but we have had, since Sunday,
 a time of severe cold the therm: from 20° to 27°
 below zero before breakfast & rising only
 to about 14° during the day. This cold has
 extended from Nova Scotia to Western
 Canada & altho we have not lately had

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a letter we think this the cause of her
attention, I indeed am thankful she has
has not been rash enough to try to come as
travelling by the P. Ramb is a Chouyagou.
There was an accident on the train from
Soranto both on Monday & Tuesday lost a number
of people ^{were} severely injured. Tonight there is the
appearance of snow which probably will
moderate the temperature. Mr. Hamilton has
charge of the Avenue this winter, I instead of
ploughing out the snow he is rolling it down
with a heavy roller drawn by a horse. The
road is now ^{at} a higher level than the
surrounding ground. So that loose snow
drifts off & hitherto the plan seems successful
the road has been excellent. how it may
suit when spring thaws soften it, remains
a problem to be solved by experience.

The Banyan family, so often afflicted, are
again greatly tried. Mr. Banyan lately scraped
the skin of his shin-bone. Two days after

he was sent for to attend the death
 bed of a brother in Sorouts. When
 watching day & night for several days he
 neglected his leg. so that on returning here
 with the body of his brother he was laid
 up unable to attend the funeral. This
 brother has left a widow & four little
 children unprotected for the Benjamin's
 who were just becoming more comfortable
 after a long struggle with poverty have to
 take them home & provide for them. Mr. B.

is now recovering but not yet able to stand.
 Papa has a nice letter from Mr. C. Lyell
 lately. I call it nice because it spoke of the
 pleasure you visit at & was had given them
 "your happy ways with the young people. your
 intelligence & taste in science & politics were"
 "remarkable & made you a welcome guest"
 at the houses of both Lyells". Now, as Anna would
 say, is it not a pity that real life won't go
 as story books put it. Then Mr. C. having no

children ought to have no title, or only
 will & stupid ones & leave you inheritors
 of name, title & fortune; or what I believe
 would be fortune enough for a moderate
 man — the Copy right of his books. This is
 the week of the Religious Anniversaries meetings
 Papa is preparing an address; On the power
 of the Press, for the Tract Society tomorrow evg.
 I had a very very pleasant letter from
 Mrs Stewart in which she sends all
 kinds of kind & grateful remembrances to
 you. being much gratified by your continued
 thoughts about her. She tells me that Mrs
 Dawson of Piton & Mrs Radcliff, both now
 settled in England, like it much better.
 This reminds me that you have a cordial
 & standing invitation of Mrs Crowe to visit
 her if at any time you go to Liverpool. I write
 tonight (Thursday) because I have to go to market
 in the morning. but will leave it open for the
mail might arrive or there should be any

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about Anna. I forgot to mention I told you we have the aspect
of a very nice house at Murray Bay. It is the one nearest the coast,
on the left approaching from the wharf, on the right where Mr. Pease lived,
the house I was in. It stood empty with a boat on the gallery the
entire part of the season & afterwards was occupied by Mr. Basmel, and
its gable is towards the road. Indeed we have decided to take it after we
have not yet said to Mr. Palgrave who offers it to us. Papa & William
and their own to go. Rankin & I are asleep or they would signal
the same to be sent on their behalf. While I remain, as we.

your loving

Mother.

