

took by moon-light
 & girls & all the
 idea, but is
 shocking & along the
 ascent & is
 really quite
 pretty & out-past
 & read & there few
 times for the hills
 every valley, even
 & take a lot of
 my work, I ought
 for one hour
 I am begin
 are away off
 dear boy, why did you not take
 me with you, I think you wd
 have had plenty of occupation,
 & then I shd probably not have
 this ring on my finger. I suppose
 it is silly, but I can't get over a
 feeling of remorse, as if my
 engagement were a sort of
 to you, for you always seem
 to belong to me more than any
 one else did, & I always fan-
 cied I shd have my home with
 you some day, & really, if I
 had seen any hope of my adding
 any happiness to your life, I do

Will tell
 it
 Ann
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me to copy him one, & I being
too surprised to promptly refuse,
had to signify assent. These
great copyings hang over my
head, & will you believe it,
I have not even finished a
picture of the Metis falls,
that I began there. Twice
a week I go down to Mr Birds
class & spend nearly all the
morning there, I have just
finished a large nearly shell
that had endless work on it
but the shadows, reflections
etc were capital practice
now I am "on" a bunch of
green grapes, & after that
am to do a few rough copies
to get into a sketchy style.
Mr Bird really is a good
teacher I think -

Hellie Baynes is now quite
settled, next door I has a

not think I w^d have considered
the marriage question at all.
But you seemed so completely
gone from my life, & I was so
lonely I you need not think
that now I can do well
without you, for I can't dear-
not a bit - better, you are my
own dearest brother, just as
much - & your photo keeps its
old place over my bed, & the
old welcome is always just as
ready for you in my heart.
If you will write a little
share to me, so that I might feel
I had some part or lot in
your thoughts, & your real life.
Your letters w^d go no further
than myself. but never mind
love if you don't feel like it.
I shall always love & write to you
just the same -
I asked Bernard about the

sketch & photos, & he brought
them up at once just Mr Selwyn
gilded up the sketch rather
unwillingly as he had instinctively
concluded that it was intended
for him - The sketch is just
lovely, I saw that it framed
looks better than you can
well imagine, & will be a
great ornament to my drawing
room, at present it stands
on the easel W. gave me, & every
one asks where it is, & if I
did it, when I reply in a surprised
tone "oh no, my brother painted
it" - still even this pleasure
seems to be fated to turn to
sorrow, for papa was so
charmed with it that I prom-
ised to copy it for him, if he
w^d pay for framing mine.
that was all very well -
but when Mr Selwyn asked

bed-room & parlour beautifully furnished, she looks very well & happy, & the Baynes family break out into small parties quite frequently.

Donald came home about a week ago, but I do not know whether he intends to stay, or return to England.

Janie Wilson is with us now & she is if possible more charming than ever, she is very witty but never in an unkind way, & her unflinching pen & at the same time consistent goodness makes her a treasure in the house. I never knew anyone who seemed to me to live so near Christ as she does, you cannot but take knowledge of her that she has been with Jesus. I wish you knew her better, & you will feel

avoided. Last night Miss
B. Rankine & I went to hear
the temple quartette club,
it is fair male voice, ex-
quisitely balanced, & they
sing without any accompani-
ment - the march in which
the rolling of a drum came
in was really wonderfully
beautiful, & some choruses
were splendid - I am sorry that
you are so far away from
such pleasures - but if only
the day wd soon come when
we we might have you
home again. I will seem
so hurried to be married with-
out your being present, but
fancy I won't be able to care
much who is there on that
occasion. I generally put quite
intercede when anything very
useful is going on. I don't
think I will have a party, try
the two families - I will not
the first attempt at
the view from the mountain

that at least one person lived
what too often is only preached.

A long letter from Maggie
Fartin informed me of their
welfare, they like Winnipeg
& the Winnepegers much, she
has found two old school-
fellows there, (how strangely
things happen!) & with one of
them, she has taken up her
abode for the winter as lady
ings were wretched, & they do
not get a house till spring.

Dora Field continues to be
happy as the day is long at
Barbados, & has found a real
friend in Albert's sister Maria
which is a comfort. she & Maggie
give such glowing accounts
of matrimony, that I begin
to pity much, all those who
still wend their way along the
path of life, alone

My pet-lina, is as dear, as
dear can be - I often ask for
of you; she & I often go over
old days together, "when we
were young."

At last we have decided
that we had better take
papa's house - I know that I
had a strong desire myself
for a smaller one, but
no other we could well get
turned up - one in Durocher
St. that we both liked, the
owner wants to sell, not to
rent - & so as papa seemed in
a great fidget about it, I
thought it best to take his
house - now, that, that is
settled we can go on having
furniture covered, getting
curtains ready etc, which
will be a comfort, so that
a hurry at the end may be