

Montreal February 10th 1911.

Sonight we have the
Microscopic Club met
at one o'clock

My dear George

I have to apologize
for sending a mere fragment of a
letter to you last week. Not that I
was really more busy than I often
am when I write, but some one
interrupted me & if the letters were not
taken by papa there was no other messengers.
My promise too of sending you "Papa's
Baby" I fear is going to prove abortive. Papa
has not yet seen any of the advertised American
editions. I should have liked you to see
it as it is clean & written by Mr Jenkins.
This reminds me that I have never thanked
you for the sweetly scented little Almanack
you were so kind as send me. It
is now

purifying the air & warming me of
you while I write. I may finish my
letter best by telling you that two of my
three hyacinths are colouring. One dark
blue, one pink & I think the third
will prove to be white. They were checked
a little by the extremely cold weather we
had the last week in January. & Sunday
& Monday of this week. On Sunday it was
20. below zero & blowing a gale. Monday it
moderated both in temperature & wind until
towards evening when it again blew furiously
lifting cold air into the best & warmest
houses. I had a Bible women's tea meeting
at our house. They all managed to come to
grasp great surprise. The staircase & upper
hall now quite finished looks very clean
& bright. I sent you Selkirk Cross's address
at Blackheath did I not? Do you not think

going to see him & through him learn
of the Paton's also at Blackheath? I
should like very much to know what
they are doing; especially what Tom
is doing. Harry Cross has left the Upper
Canada Collyer. I after a short residence
with some French family to familiarize
himself with speaking French intends
to go into business. Dr. Johnson intends
to go home after the close of the Collyer
in April. Mr. Baynes also talks of going
home early in Spring, probably Anne
may take advantage of Mr. Turner's engagement
with Miss Kelala of Sorrento. They go to England
after their marriage & Mr. Baynes thinks
of accompanying them. I do not know
whether any of these friends will be in
London. It would be pleasant for
you to see some of them. ---

Now that Anne is home again
I have the old pain of writing
of the same things she may mention.
The house is much more cheerful
& we appreciate it all the more for
her absence. but the temptations to
talk & lose time makes me about
as busy as I am without her help.
I am writing so stupidly having today
been again interrupted by visitors ^{1:30} that
it will be no great loss to you. if
I now finish by reminding you of the
warm place you fill in our affections.
Your weekly letters are ever looked for
as one of the happiest events of the week.
The mail is not in yet. Believe me
with my best love
your affec^{ed}
Mother