

July 5th 1878

I won't leave a three-centured
 that has a shadow of a Chance
 of affecting this appointment.
 I am happy they may not
 make it have people
 please fine my hat love
 Rankine. I am attend
 to some late Commission
 fitting in look. It is
 for everness of faith
 at all but
 I will be sad to miss
 any opportunity.
 I will be so sorry
 for you I have
 Mother

This came as Chilyheque surprise
 as I had feared the one you wrote
 on the line of your leaving Victoria mt.
 be the last for many days - not to day
 months. Your very interesting one from
 Bella Bella dated June 8th was received
 here on July 1st You are much more
 constantly in my thoughts here - the
 constantly changing phases of the sea -
 the ships as they come or go carry me to the
 suitably named "Wanderer". With its
 hook the stried Cabin or its comfortably
 cooked dinner (For Rankine tells me
 that you have the blessing of a fine Cook
 The dark side of storms & rocks I shall not

dwell upon; it is useless to Court night-
man. but do leave before the risk of Autumn
storms.

William returned to us on the morn-
ing of the 25th June. On the afternoon of the same
day papa & Eva left for their trip to
Cambridge & the lower Provinces. The follow-
ing day W. left by the 9-45 train to Toronto
& I by the 10. train for Melis. It was no or-
dinary scene of excitement & hurry & yet it
was only the climax of strain that had
gone on for some time. A few of the
cousins were found in domestic disarray
I had to dismiss May on acct of her un-
dressed & thought I'd manage for the short
time I wd be in town with her, but un-
fortunately the Cook was laid aside by
a severe sore throat & few days in bed &
a man unable to help, poor Maggie
had to be maid of all work. During
this Anna was a wreck in her mind
since influenza & her ailments gave
her an air of trouble. however this

all are now ³ better when I left Anna
 was still in bed, & when I got fairly quiet
 in the case I reproached myself very much
 for leaving her. She is better & as the
 heat has been & is very great in town.
 She tells me, in a letter I received from
 her tonight, that she intends to be with
 me tomorrow. Of course there was no rest
 when I arrived to an shut-up house
 here. but some good, honest, hard work
 to get it all tidied up & put into running
 order. The weather on the 29th 30th & 1st
 July was unprecedently hot, ranging
 between 80° & 90°. On Tuesday it suddenly
 fell to 55°. We felt like winter. One
 of these warm evenings I got up during
 the night to see what was going on & had the pleasure
 for the first time of seeing a most beautiful
 display of Phosphorescence on the water.
 It tipped the waves with golden light &
 covered, as far as the eye could see, the whole
 surface of the water in lines, blotches, spots
 & dots, & to add to the beauty of the scene
 the intervening space between one & the water

was alone - two fireflies.

In the train towards the end of my journey
a - I can scarcely say gentleman - a Mr.
McMillan accosted me by name. I introduced
himself as a friend of yours. One with whom
you had travelled much. I desired to be
remembered to you.

I have heard very little of how paper
& Ence got on, having here only one letter
from each of those written shortly after
they reached Cambridge. Ence found several
imitations awaiting him. One to Mrs
Lore & Sally & Suppon at lunch. Paper's
"oration" passed off satisfactorily but I have
seen no public notice of it. Solly paper
telegraphed from Halifax that he hoped
to join me here on Tuesday night. He
has accepted an offer to examine a large
tract of the phosphate region on the Ottawa
for Gillespie Innes & Co. & that, with Colley
business that I have heard of since he left,
will I know oblige him to go immediately
back to Montreal. Since he left he has only
favoured me with one little scrap or
a postcard. I quite expected him
to hasten down here but he is awfully through