

M. L. Another & Papa send
by the mail an autotype
to you as a L. was pleased
& Mother hopes that you will
get the framed & present
if Marshall or L. was
wrong. We think it
best to hope that you
will like it.

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to me to be again in London & this
time I have become really quite
clever in finding my way about.
Mother & I think nothing of going
to places by ourselves now & so far
we have never lost ourselves.
I am sure that you wd find
me improved too in regard to
shops. I have at least come to
your conclusion that it is a jalsey
to come over here & spend so
much time in shops. We have

now I am thankful got through
 all that we will need to do
 until we return here in spring
 Papa seems quite "a lion" over
 here & we have in consequence
 been out almost every day at
 dinner. This week we have
 more time at our disposal for
 we had refused all engagements
 as we had hoped to be with the
 Siemans at Sherwood. But of course
 you will have heard of the sad death
 of Sir William. It was quite sudden
 to be seized such a strong man.
 I have been to several good Concerts
 since I came to London but not so
 many as I should like. But you
 know that Papa looks upon such
 things as a waste of his time.

to really enjoy music one must go with a "sympathetic soul" who enjoys it too. But we will be here in spring again when there are more opportunities for music.

We went last night to a Balad Concert in St James with Mrs & Miss Flora Macdonald of Victoria B. C. They crossed with us & we found them then very pleasant people & since we have been here we have seen them several times. They came to this hotel & took tea with us. We have a small parlour here & so have our meals privately which is very pleasant. Loren Campbell turned up just before tea so we asked him to stay too & had quite a friendly

little party. Miss Macdonald I think very pretty & she speaks so prettily too that she is altogether very charming.

Mrs Macd. I find very amusing.

Such odd things seem to happen there & she makes such ridiculous stories out of her adventures - They may go over to Paris with us.

We find quite a Canadian colony over here & are continually meeting with old friends. We missed the

Mrs Greenshields yesterday in an annoying way. They had ^{been} in our room talking to Papa & were walking down the stairs as Mother & I were coming up in the "lift."

Papa seems to feel the damp here very much & complains of cold feet &c. So we think it best to hurry off south & have time in Italy to really rest in some place & not wait here for Frankine.

We are all very sorry to miss him
 but it w^d involve our waiting 5 or 6
 days longer & then perhaps he would
 not like to come direct to London.
 In writing to Father I wish you w^d
 advise him not to return to Canada
 early in summer as he now thinks
 he must. He pays much more
 attention to advice from you than
 you think & I feel sure that it will
 take away much of the good effects
 of this trip. Papa to me does not
 seem at all strong this autumn
 & has continual trouble with his
 throat. He is already planning for
 the Westish Ass. in Montreal & I
 think too, that the arrangements
 w^d be better done by business
 men of the City like Mr. White & I

Have no doubt that they will do it if he does not.

Mother desires me to say that she had intended to write more but was prevented doing so.

It is of course not worth while telling you of the sights we have seen for you know them all already. I saw the Lord's Mass's Show this year & enjoyed seeing the crowd - It was most wonderful to see what discomfort people are willing to endure for the sake of seeing gilt coaches & powdered footmen.

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But I must close now

Hoping that we will hear from you again soon

Believe me
Your loving sister
Eva.