

letter from R. written  
heart Brisbane of the out-  
ward voyage to Australia,  
& do hope he may make  
some but altho. it is in-  
definite & difficult to decide where  
to settle they now seem  
to be settling there.  
I think it not improbable that you  
will be going to see dear George  
with you. My love presented  
to you & yours to all. I am with  
much love, your affectionate  
mother.

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Gisshenshaw,

Little Mess.

Matters may  
dear George

presented  
to all. I am with  
your affectionate  
mother.

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Presence amongst Van Horn's party  
may be of more than a passing  
benefit to W. H. tells us that they had  
some of your Reports with them. I no  
doubt they got information from  
you personally that would have a  
very influence to his advantage in  
several ways. In one of his latest  
letters to J. he tells her that he is thought  
to have done very well in the part of  
the trial that is over. Westward he  
is still the cry, for Bernard left this  
on Monday last intending to go straight  
on, hoping that he also might be so  
fortunate as to meet you somehow. He  
proposes, should circumstances favour, to  
continue his journey, after business is over,  
to the Pacific Coast. Clarence

preceded your father & Eve here,  
 we arriving on June 15<sup>th</sup>. During  
 the winter Eve<sup>d</sup> amused ourselves  
 devising a plan for having an open  
 fireplace in our parlour here, &  
 this I hoped to have carried out as  
 a pleasant surprise for papa, but  
 like many another scheme, literary  
 as well as material, it proved more  
 difficult than anticipated, especially  
 as I had only a local French Carpenter  
 through whom to embody my ideas.  
 So I had the mortification of having  
 a Carpenter's bench & the room knee-deep  
 in shavings on their arrival - it was  
 however within a day of completion.  
 Now we have had ten days enjoyment  
 of the alteration & it is pronounced to be  
 a complete success. This & things that had

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to be ones on account of my much  
occupation, are the causes of my delay  
in writing to you.  
Fluence has mottled down in her wee  
cotage - here at first but with her  
usual taste now made Cosie & home-  
like with ferns & Illustrated News pictures.  
She has suffered for the past few days  
with a gumboil wh: last night broke  
& gave immediate relief. Anna looks rested  
& well & the little folks like healthy  
gipsies. Eva has gone to Halifax to pay a  
short visit to Mrs. Wupper (Emily Badgley).  
At Scuro Station, by appointment, she met  
Alice Crow who is spending the summer here  
& there amongst friends & is to come to us in  
Sept. After her return to Montreal. On  
Tuesday papa gave to Mr. John N. B. to attend a  
Teacher's Convention. I suppose he will return  
in about a week. Last night I had a long