

Birkenshato,

Little Metis. July 19th 1892.

My dear George

We have now settled into a holiday home quiet, wh: I at least have not enjoyed for two years, & as quiet is by far the best kind of holiday for all people. I hope we are not too selfish in giving ourselves the hope of a full share of it for six weeks to come. Ann's & Mavis visit, delightful as it was, brought many additional cares & sometimes fatigue with the dear baby who is the most fascinating little creature in our family. I hope you may see her & I think you will love her & agree with me that she is no common child but one who, if successfully guided, may be hoped to make her mark

in the world. The two, with our Clara
 as nurse for baby, are now in England -
 as a Cable received yesterday tells of their
 safe arrival. It was a long voyage as they
 sailed from Ancher on Wednesday the 6th & they
 reached Liverpool Monday the 18th. at least so
 we understand the Cable; perhaps they arrived
 on Sunday. Strange that there are five
 children ~~and~~ at the same time here in England,
 unhappy Country, agitated over its length or
 breadth by party feeling & no ^{is} almost certain to
 be governed injudiciously & brought low -
 if not ruined, by internal struggles & false
 policy with other powers. your father is also
 afraid that the Charge may prove a great
 disappointment to you personally as the Bering
 sea question is sure to be Ceded to the Americans,
 we are longing to know what the immediate
 effect is upon your actions, whether it will
 obtain you larger & healthier gains hereafter

if the latter we earnestly wish that
 you may be able to come to Paris for
 as long as other duties may permit. — There
 are many things that we anxiously desire to hear
 about — indeed letters have been so scanty
 from both Gouverson & Rankine that we
 feel pretty isolated from a knowledge of
 your interests. I know I have been in fact
 myself, but in your case there was the
 uncertainty as to the length of your stay, besides
 my entire time & strength were expended on
 visitors & making the change from town to
 country & starting housekeeping afresh with
 new domestics &c &c Rankine ought to realize
 something of this & cheer me with his all-
 weekly letters.

Paris is unusually packed with visitors this
 summer. The hotels are overflowing, accommodating
 young men in rooms in empty cottages & giving
 only their meals at the hotels. The weather has
 been, for summer transients, delightful, continuous

Sunshine write almost too much heat &
 very rare thunders Showers. so that the Country
 is parched - the wells dry - & the crops short & poor.
 quite the opposite state of weather exists in
 Montreal & Manitoba where rain has been
 causing floods - "wash-outs" on railways &c
 Anne, Bernard & family are all very well. It is
 quite surprising how quickly they all improve
 after coming here - A. dislikes the thought of
 returning to town & wishes if possible to stay
 till October. Clarence & his boys also look
 much improved. they are in a Cottage some
 way from us so we do not see them so
 often as we did when they were newes. I
 dare say you must have heard of the death of his
 mother. Mr Elliott. Mary & Mr Taylor have not
 left town & will stay with them, a great comfort
 to us to know that he is cared for. The Taylors have
 been taking "week's ends" (as the English people speak
 of) for trips up: I think very pleasant. Accept dear George
 our love & best good wishes. Our love also to Hankins
 & believe me ever to be your loving Mother.