

P.S. Have
this moment

have another letter from
A. B. have not received his
She writes the opinion that
does not seem strong - She finds he
is well when left quiet - I have
been to dinner at home - It is
a week - I will write you
soon.

Birmingham,
Little Metis.

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We have been glad to
hear of your progress
westward. I now I suppose you are in
the region where work begins. I will ^{think} it
time to tell you something of how
we go on here & what I know of some
others of our scattered family. Both houses ^{here}
have all things in running order & the place
where Anna sketched for her family is going
on fairly satisfactorily. The girls & young
are very nice, obedient & easily guided - the
two boys I find ^{each} much peculiar in disposition
& altogether different & so are both Anna & Mary

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Can influence them much. I ever see his
a difficult work here he to lead them into
good ways. Miss Baker the governess has
special charge of them & as she is firm to
rules made, manages as well as almost
any thing else. I refer mostly to the inward
motives that show in their conduct, & application
of principles & the enforcement of right for its own
sake, ^{wh} is where the good mother's care is missing;
however all the boys are well & there is about
our ship desire for this summer. We have
not burdened ourselves with responsibility
nor fatigued ourselves with our care only
help a little as we conveniently can. The
news about Eric are not reassuring - he has
not improved. Atma Cabled to Bernard to
return & he arrived at N.Y. on Sunday last 18th.
It had a letter awaiting him saying she died

not think the place they were at South E.
 I directed him to consult Dr. Loamis of N. B.
 who is a well known specialist in lung troubles
 there. he recommends Lake Saranac or
 Regis but nothing at he decided until he
 discussed the matter with Ch. I of this one, as
 yet, have not heard as he will reach his own
 yesterday & letters take full three days to reach
 us here. Bernard is hopeless of Eric's recovery &
 dreading his past experience justifies his feeling so.

Just before leaving England he went to Holyhead
 to see Eric who was depending on his escort
 to come and to pay us a visit here she was,
 at the same time for the cause of his early return, much
 disappointed to lose his company - it has almost
 decided her to come alone, without the children,
 Mrs A Taylor intends to sail on her return by
 the Lake Ontario leaving on August 4th & not improbably
 she may come at some time but if alone will

make a short stay. It will disappoint
 us much if the Sh. Com^d & leave before your
 return. Florence & her boys are here boarding
 at a house on this side of the Methodist Church -
 but the Bains' hearing at the last decided to accom-
 pany Mrs. Roberts to the W. Mountains Mrs. Frank
 R. has gone to this Cottage & offers to her little an-
 nua us & she^r is negotiating about servants & hoping
 to be able to take it. We heard fr^m Will a few
 days ago fr^m Sydney where "The Lancashire" have called
 for Coal. He has got his instruments & arranged
 to his liking - he joins the Cap: ablying & his assistants
 pleasant & starts in apparent good spirits upon
 his mission. Rankine tells us that he will be
 down six weeks longer at --- Mrs. Victoria.
 He hopes to see you in the West - but where, how
 or when I do not know. This is a more family
 record up to date. Did time allow I will be tempted
 to notice the Conference at Ottawa & the Chicago visit as we
 have been greatly interested in these public things. but
 for the present I must add only my affectionate regards ^{from} Mother.