

Little Melis. 1888

August 14th.

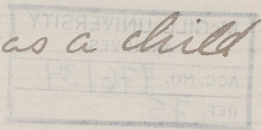
My dear Hankine,

We all thought of you
& spoke of you on your birthday
but we could not agree as to
the exact place where you would
spend it this year. but we
hoped that, wherever you were, that
you would spend a happy day.
Here we had quite an excitement
& at one time were quite anxious
but we hope that now we need
have no further fear. On Sunday
afternoon a Prof. Bailey from
New Brunswick called & the Pope
went for a walk on the beach together.

when Pope fell over a stone, & hit his head severely upon a projecting rock. He walked home, not being unconscious, but frightened Mother by saying that his skull was fractured. Fortunately Dr. Oliver was in Melis & he came to see him & washed & dressed the cut on his head & put him to bed - The cut is on the very top of the head & Dr. O. says that there is no fracture at all & that the only treatment is low diet & absolute quiet. This he has had. He has slept quietly both Sunday night & last night & lay still all Monday - dozing most of the time & Dr. Oliver says that no bad signs of any sort have appeared & that he thinks that there is no injury beyond the cut & a badly

bruised knee. Here; of course. He can
have absolute quiet - which he could
not have had during the session, & it
may be really a benefit - to him to
have the rest, both of body & mind.
It gave us all a fright as you
may imagine but everyone has
been most kind in giving us whatever
we wanted & Dr. Oliver being here was
the greatest comfort for he has done
everything that could be done & has
greatly relieved our minds as well.
Besides, he has kept Papa in bed
which none of us could have managed
without his orders - Poor Dr. Oliver
has been kept here by three accidents
occurring, each time when he was
just leaving Metis. One of the little
Gaullets of Cacoma was staying
here for a few days & dislocated

our shoulder within an hour of the
time of Dr. Oliver's departure - Then
Mrs. Savaji's baby became very ill &
again Dr. O. was detained & we are all
so thankful that he was here to help
Papa. Dr. Stirling is expected this
week or next so the Mitis people
will have some resource! He has
been detained in town on account
of a very sad accident. Bob Stirling
the brother of Mrs. Moyle was out
at St. Rose & while bathing took
a cramp & was drowned before
anyone could reach him. Mr.
Moyle is on his way fr. England
& has not heard of it - Mrs. Moyle
was at Lacoune with her children
& old Mr. Stirling was alone at home.
Is it not curious that there was
another son drowned about 20 yrs ago



at Port Arthur? He was a child
of about 9 years old.

Wednesday- Papa is still doing
very well & Dr. Oliver says that now
he can safely say that no serious
results will follow - He kept Papa
quiet in case of any injuries to the
brain but now we are delighted to
find that no damage beyond the
cut, has been done. So now we
will cease to be anxious & will
no longer treat him as an invalid.
With love from all.

affectionately yours
Eoa.

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