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Dearest-Kath, as ever at home I see
the familiar duties, & I certainly
am freer for my change, & hope
to get through the Spring. It is not
nearer so much the daily round as
the uncertainties & weighty decisions
that make life very glad just now.
Such a tangled skein life is, one
can see so many of the complications
& realize how many more are un-
seen - & one can only consistently
remember "That with our God
is light - & no darkness at all" &
that we are told to "Pray & faint
not" -

As to you dearest - The first
thing is to be very careful as to health
& be sure you don't undertake
too much - try & judge fairly of
the work of this last month. It
not perhaps been too much of
a strain - & be clear that any over-
doing is a direct drawback to
your present work, & future
use of it. I do not hesitate
to only work some afternoons
& regularly to drop one or two
as may seem best.

I cannot see that beginning
ails wd be very useful at this
time - but you of course know

best. Are water-colours not per-
mitted? I do heartily sympathize
with your being tired of black &
white.

At Wandsworth G. W. said quite
of her own accord that if you
wanted to stay longer she wd
be quite willing to pay for it -
I told her that an extra month
wd be about - 75.00 - & she said
she wd call it - 100.00 & that
leaves a little margin - so it
is quite possible for you to stay
if it seems best. & you need
not decide till Easter. Your
plan of sketching in the afternoon
seems good & I suppose you
cd get it criticized, as works in
with illustration cd you
not?

you can thus count on 100.00
from G. W. - you have 80.00 in
the bank & can spend 50.00
of it - & leave a margin & I have
your term in City - 14.50 - 12.50
Thalson's Bank - & 4.00 two
months allowance

G. W.	100.00
Bank	50.00
Income	34.00

} Do not give under
weight to what I say
about oils - for I am
not in a position to

judge well - & you ought to be &
take every opportunity to find out
what work is available & what

positions are open to those who are ⁽²⁾ qualified. What kind of pot-boilers do your fellow students do, & how much do they hail - I feel that after this you ought to be in a position to definitely decide if you will go in for professional work or not? & you will have the summer to reflect in.

I incline myself to your staying through May especially if you are not working quite so hard. you can begin nothing here, & any suitable visits you could take from far, or as much as you wanted - I do want you to see the Aquarium - Fish are quite different to our since I was there. Mr Stokes sounds very interesting. I had some idea of the wonderful, air & distance & immensity of the Arctic outlook from photos which Hansen showed when he lectured here & to this I added the wonderful sea descriptions in the Iceland Fisherman. Do you remember them? I don't wonder you liked the sketches best. They come from a man's warm heart - as he looks & cries I see, I understand! & his nature are for the moment one - but when the man climbs & endurances & works till he has

got - as high as he can - & makes
a finished picture - but cannot
help seeing, the great gulf be-
tween the striving storm, & the
silent-glory & vastness - & I dare say
the artist himself wd be the first
to acknowledge this - I have often
told you how wonderful I found
Turner's sketches - They were -
morning, or night - at dawn, or
tempst - No had seen - we see
with him - But in so many
of the pictures, one felt the strain
& effort of the man as he strove
with the too great - & fell short.

You must tell me what you
& Evelyn think of "Niagara" - Clara
is anxious for bleik to see it - I
tried in vain to get another
copy, you might send it on to
her & ask her to return to us. But
it went -

Mrs Stirling is better, Clara
saw her yesterday, & thought
her looking very weak - Poor
Mabel Clay is still laid ^{up} back
they talk of taking her to Warrick
I saw Mrs Braune two days
since she is still in bed also, but
better -

Mrs J. N. H. H. came down &
spent the evening with us
last night - Miss Holmes was at

a lecture -
 Lenny is going to England this
 spring, & will be chiefly in
 Aunt Mary's care - then he is to
 go into business in fall. He is
 to take his final A.A's this spring
 & if successful - & he wanted
 later on to go to College - the door
 will still be open -

as for B.S. - I fear College is
 hopeless - It is a great disap-
 pointment to me to feel my son
 unable to do this - I don't know
 what my dear father wd have
 felt about it - But of course I
 know there are other ways of
 learning - & when I see Foster &
 writing & thinking so well &
 L. Wangman also - all gives me
 hope - B.S. wrote to L.H. about
 the fruit-growing & he sent
 him a long & most manly &
 thoughtful letter - I sh^d think
 without doubt he wd get on
 active & business like I wish
 of doing - He has had some
 apprentices this winter, of the
 English variety -

We will have the linen dress
 ready - & the few oil pencils Clare
 has Lois does not wish to contribute
 hers -
 now if - it is as if quite in
 the dark - if I cd arrange for
 Con - to go down to N.Y. - for a

few days at Easter when his
exams are over - wd there be any
chance of his being able to get
a room in your place -
thought boarders might be having
for holidays = & how long are
the holidays at the Art League?
& when does the regular term
finish in spring? I wd want
you to answer the questions in
this letter with due attention
& let me know when you
want money next.

Victor has finished his exam
exam, & thinks he has passed O.K.
(Calculus) - Con has had two -
today Astronomy - Monday the
Jamaica Theory of Structure - abt.
which he did not seem so well
pleased - as abt. today - he has 8
more - Victor only two. The chem-
istry course seems to have less of
examining - more lab. work.

By the way I don't exactly like
your going to and of the way corners
of the Park - alone, especially on
Sundays. Be careful of this! Be
sure you have a policeman in view
at all times in it - of the very worst re-
members, & please risk nothing.
Is it not true you had another
ferry boat-trip? - That means the
real sea-air.

Amnt. I does not intend to go to
metis - but - wants to let her cottage
for \$125. - as I go to L. Kately with the
two younger ones - I daresay it
is a good scheme - She will be rid
of house & servants - & see new
people & make other friends for
self & family, I probably at less
Expense, now there are so few
of them.

Father has had a talk with
Mr Hugh M. I - about B. S. - I he
seemed to think he might take him
in - but is to write later - No way
very nice about it. This of course you
will not mention - The present
offer is more attractive to me
but - this wd be nearer civilization
& I think B. S. wd be better in a
system - I under direction than
just - checked out his own feet
he is not mature enough, or sharp
enough - I might - will - fall into
his hands - He is so queer - but he
wd not be lazy if running be-
tween shafts. He is working
away at the coal - which is hard
at hand & then he has no work
I wish we cd send him to England
I wonder! I wonder! - Cd we Cd
we not - We will see

Love to Evelyn - This is a
bit pretty but I have done
much business between the
sentences - Mother -

Clare says she thinks
Van Dyke is a Unitarian
if so - I shall have to
re-read - I have not
a keen nose for
heresy - & I was so
interested in his very
strong views of sci. &
a sinful world - & I
always thought the U.
w^d. not admit that
he was most successful
too - as to man's abso-
lute need of RC^t - But
I can see that he
may have meant
differently from us
as to Substitution -
he was strong as to
atonement, ~~in the~~
at-one-ment sense

I am glad I read it
with-out prejudice
& when after Clare's
remark. I was reading
John's Epistle about
"By the Spirit's witness, I know
that Confessed that
Christ had come in the
flesh... had the Spirit of
God - I did not think
Van Dyke had turned
away - but passionality
loved the Christ - above
all else - as to doctrine
they are many - & the

best - I am sure are only parts of the great glories which
what - strange revision our views will have when we
know, as we are known -

But - to love & pray - I mark the
not - waste time