

Wallace
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Anna

Dearest papa -

I have been on
the side of writing to you very
often but in the Derry hope
generally had to be content with
one "general epistle". I only hope
that you have not suffered with
present lack of my valuable advice
wh. indeed on the subject of
how to enjoy idleness I consider
ought to have weight - for no
one can manage that better than
I can when occasion serves.

I am grieved to perceive a
certain weakness in mamma's
aversion as to home coming a
certain tendency to prefer quiet
to extended visits in the old
world - when such a good law
out - as Mrs Skelton offers it w^d
be unwise to decline I am
sure the longer she is away from
Canada the better for her, & very
much the better for you - I had
expected her to be a strong influ-
ence in keeping you till the time
of the Ass - you ought to con-
sult with them in August &
prepare them for all before it.

I have had reason to affirm with you greatly

The Umballau you may consider
a decided success - they seem
quite minded to remain if their
position here be secured & they
evidently are not dependent on
their salary as their sole income
I have advertised them largely
& a great number of nice people
have called upon them & all
seem pleased - The Campbells
asked them to meet Sir Wm. Mac-
leott at lunch the other day
Mrs Ramsay (K.A.) made a dinner
for them - Mrs Keelpath ditto
& she is quite of the worldly and
minded to attach herself to the
best people here - he seems very
enthusiastic & ambitious & the
students like him - he is rather
harsh in style, but clear &
thorough -

Our old Richardson has
gone to his last rest - Both Sel-
wyn & Bell came down to his
funeral - Mrs (Dr) Scott too has
passed away - happily more
calm & like herself the last weeks
she has followed her husband
within 6 weeks months - The
death of Sir W. Sumner must have
been a shock to you - it seemed
largely the result of an accident
as reported in the papers -

I have felt - rather
like a prominent member of
society since you left - such
shells of people & things could

coming to us now & we are beyond reach
of the world - mind & heart
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I have had reason to apprehend your position
in increasing our funds for this year, for
certainly having failed my expectations of other
resources such increases by the various duties
& payments of being the head of the family -
The children begin to talk of going
I wonder where you will spend that day -
in some delightful part - no doubt!

The weather here has been most
English, dull and dreary, and I have no more
complains on the score of health in consequence
colder weather, but of course have that way
on is nearly gone -

Very affectionately

Anna