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My dear Mother,

There several of your
letters unanswered, personally
at least. Two I find on my
arrival here last night. Today
being Sunday I have been unable
to do any business, but tomorrow
afternoon I hope to leave here, for up
the Rigi & afterwards to the
St Gotthard Pass. I have been
much in doubt today whether I
should then go on into south Italy
as far as Naples, or turn back
into Germany, & find my way south

afterwards by Vicenza & Venice.
 I think the latter plan will be
 adopted. As to coming home,
 something may depend on Mr Selwyn
 when he returns. That is to say,
 on the conditions of work which I
 may hear from him. I had wish
 would leave from the 15 of April
 & may stay to see it out, or if
 I take a notion come home before.
 Probably when I decide to do so
 I may strike out for Canada in
 a few days & cannot promise to
 let you know more than a
 week or so before my arrival. I
 want time next winter only to put
 my work & that of Mr Mc Carvell
 into shape & shall then write for the

North West, where I believe most
of the remainder of my life will be
passed. I must say that the railway
& settlement going on there makes us
feel somewhat like the Indian when
the white man takes possession of
his possessions & drives away his
game. In a few years there
will be no part of the North West
un-trodden enough to be interesting.
Since I have been here ^{in Europe} I have
really done nothing, not even
sketching & as I don't believe
staying here any longer will make
any change or give me any
impulse whatever I begin to think
I might as well be going away

at works & reports in Ottawas
 as squandering money which others
 might use better. If this idea gains
 the ascendant, some day I shall
 start on my return, for I learn
 nothing & profit nothing. I had a
 letter from Ella today. What I said
 to her about her coming out to Canada
 was wrong to put the matter before her,
 & it matters little or nothing to me
 either way. If you have any objections
 against I hope you will send me
 letters we so. I have said nothing
 definite in the matter or indeed
 mentioned it since I was in England.
 If you think it would be a
 pleasure to her & what trouble I
 think you should write to her.
 I doubt my mind whether she could

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Woke up her mind to Cewe in
any case. Since Leo's from
Suva I have been at her hotel in
Sattelacker, In Sattelacker I
across the Weggen up to Erin. did hold.
By the Bruny Pass to Suva yesterday
weather on the whole fine, though this
Summer singularly broken. Plenty
English & American tourists everywhere
through Switzerland, though for I
don't meet with one that I know
anywhere. Had a note from Mrs
Selwyn on arrival here. Says she
is enjoying her visit to England
very much, & proposes returning to
Canada by steamer of Sept 13.

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The Gibbomes you mention at
Antis are known to William. Were
in Cape Breton when he was there.
Very good sort of people without any
style or vnuence about them. Thought
best I should write & with no
idea of getting anything good in the
world anyway & going to be even
afterwards. Mrs & Miss G. I were.

I know little about the Children.
Miss G. is a great pund of
Proble delwyns. It came this
scrawly letter. I have given up trying
to calculate the times of the
Canadian mail, but hope to
write often enough to satisfy all
reasonable expectations

Yours affectionately
Geo