

The 2 Bernards
going to England

295 - Onnessey St

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Dear Mother,

We have just received good news, of the safe arrival of the first party, who report good weather, & everything looking lovely. It is quite a novelty to have any one decorating our house, or preparing meals for us, as we generally precede the rest of the world please thank Elizabeth for her share in the preparations. & I only hope that it did not trouble you much.

I was glad to hear that poor Louis Sutherland got down so well. Dr. F. was gravely anxious as to the matter. I understand there is no hope of any but a temporary improvement - in his case, I neither he or Mrs S. have any idea of it. It does not seem quite the

right-way to deal with people ⁽²⁾
but much may be said on both
sides of the question -

The weather here is damp &
often of the muggy variety, but
I find it pleasant - especially
sitting still as I am doing
my knee seems much better
the swelling almost gone &
the joint feels quite comfort-
able - I remark Dr. Lefleur
is to see it again, & then I
hope he will let me go about
again - I was well deceiv-
ed upon a day to have far
metis. The two Bernards
go on board the Canada
next Friday & sail by Satur-
day at daylight - of course
there is always a good deal
of preparation, but beyond a
little mending & marking
it does not fall to me -
Bernard the elder is still
busy with final College, &
writing affairs but I hope he
will get off without undue
pressure. H. S. improves
every day, & I don't know how

we will get on without him
He is so thoughtful & practical
He has learned a great deal at
the business college in his 5
weeks. I will be able to take
hold of office work in quite
a different way, from a run
school boy. Seeing something
of the world will no doubt
help him a great deal, & pre-
vent him sinking into a
narrow groove of thought, &
interest him in general
reading: Possibly make him
less content with small things
he has never shown much
ambition to excel, or attain.

Our pony shows a bril-
liant spot in your garden
& the iris is coming out, the
lilies of the valley quite gone
Coward is of the darkest shade
of rufous, & works all
day & studies at night with
cheerful energy - a friend
of his has turned up, who
may arrange to join bachelor
quarters with him, who
will be pleasant for both.

I hope you are careful not
to work too hard. I have
not heard if you succeeded
in getting a workman or
not.

Will you please tell
Clara which is the vol. of
Van Dyke you have got.
Is it good for a world of
Doubt, as the other one - I
want to get the one you
have not. They seem to me
likely to be useful.

With much love

Aunt