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Dearest Anna,

At last I have  
heard from you, two letters  
arriving last evening, & thankful  
I am to learn that all is  
well with you & little Eric.

Since most of the visitors  
went away from Inlet you  
must have had a nice  
chance to rest, & considering,  
dear, all that is before you  
need all the rest and  
quiet you can get.

I am getting along pretty  
well, though scarcely as fast

as I should like. If my  
"special artist" were only  
with me matters would  
be greatly expedited. Unfor-  
tunately I have been obliged  
to spend a great deal of  
time in surveying, and as  
yet have been able to do  
but little in the way of sketching  
veins &c. If I only have  
fine weather this week,  
however, I may yet get  
something done in this  
direction. This is a grand  
country for geology in,  
and if ~~there~~ a place could  
be found where we could  
stay I should like nothing  
better than to spend a  
summer here - of course  
bringing the children with

us. There are lovely lakes  
& you could get a great  
many pretty sketches while  
I luxuriated in minerals.

The man who has been  
out with me lately I  
find is a French Protestant,  
having left the Church of  
Rome several years ago,  
after having studied the  
Bible for some time he  
came to the conclusion that  
its teachings did not agree  
with those of his Church.  
This he told to the priest,  
who said that he could  
not allow him to read  
the Bible, as he did not  
know enough to read it  
understandingly. This command,  
however, he did not obey &  
went on reading as before,  
& not only the Bible but other

books, until he became convinced that the priests were entirely in the wrong.

His wife is still nominally a Catholic, but neither goes to confession or mass.

To-day has not seemed much like Sunday as there is no church here. I have wandered about in the woods most of the day for want of better employment. Another Sunday I hope I shall be in St Andrews or with my dear ones in our own dear hope. I have been away from you so long that it seems as if I had got to the other side of the world.

Mrs Fordon's address is 207 St Martin Street. I thought I had given it to you before leaving Metz. I left word

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that she could always  
learn our whereabouts by  
going to the college.

Do not, I beg of you, darling,  
attempt to do too much on  
your return. I know there  
are a great many things  
to attend to, but there is  
no special hurry about  
them. You must let me  
know whether you want me  
to stay in St Andrews over  
Sunday. But Mr Miller  
announces tea, - not very  
early tea either, for it is  
nine o'clock. I shall send  
this letter to Montreal as it would  
probably miss you if sent to Melis.  
How delightful it will be to be  
with you again darling. I think  
of it day & night. Your loving B.