

R
Rawlins

Little Metz
Aug 23^d - 1902

A nice letter from you arrived last evening and I was glad to know that you were pleased with the arrangements made by Mrs B. with regard to the children's education. Conrad expects to leave here on the 29th, but I do not yet know whether I shall go up with him or not - so much depends upon R. who is giving in a very bad time. He has given up the Sherbrooke shut house and of course now wishes that he had it back. Poor flo is up in town attending to packing as they have to be out of the house by the 1st of September. R. is so completely unwell that he is useless, but Hance has been up helping flo and they are both coming down on Wednesday. If I go up to town with Con. or R. I shall probably come back here unless I learn meantime that you are going to be out before the 10th or 12th of September.

Mr. Taylor has been down here for about a week and this afternoon gave a large picnic chiefly for children. It was a great success and our little people enjoyed themselves greatly. Ruth and I went to assist and R made herself very useful. The ~~first~~ picnic was on the shore near Lyatts Point and Mr. T. supplied the vehicles (and ice cream) for the entire party of 51. Clara did not go as she thought she had better be at home in case R came over in the car. She is really a wonderful girl and absolutely

brought them down here, but I failed to find them. One set I gave to your mother in town as she asked to have them.

We are ~~so~~ swathed in fog to-day and I hear the fog horns blowing frequently. Everyone has gone out to church except myself, and I have stayed in to try and write a few letters. R. has taken up so much of my time that I find it difficult to attend to my correspondence which has been unusually heavy and troublesome.

We have heard from Laura who seemed pleased by our invitation, but said she could not come. Miss Hill has also written again - this time to Poppy who had written a letter to Mrs. M. She says that Mrs. M. "is steadily gaining in strength and takes longer walks and drives every week without tiring her too much."

Bishop & Mrs Baldwin are here and he preaches this morning. Tom's mother had them in to tea the other evening and I was very glad as it gave her a little respite from the dreadful gloom with which R. generally surrounds her. I did not go to tea but went in after for the evening. The Baldwins of whom you wrote to Clare never turned up.

We expect a man out from London as Demonstrator in Chemistry to replace Henderson (Walker's assistant). Possibly he might come by the same ship

unselfish. Mrs. Hume Blake spoke to me
the other day about having both Clare & Ruth
pay her a visit at Toronto during the winter
& I hope that Clare at least will be able
to go. Your mother depends so much upon
her and the strain of late has been heavy.
Fortunately, however, she ^(Clare) keeps bright & well.

As for R & Jo I do not see what they can do for
I doubt whether ~~R~~ R is fit to go to London
and wherever he goes I fear he will be miserable
and make his poor wife wretched.

I am sending a P. O. order for \$25.00 - but to Hope
instead of to you, just in case you might have
left for this side. Some letters seem to take
such a time in reaching their destination. One
of your Edinburgh letters took between three and
four weeks to get to me.

We were all so sorry to hear of your having been ill
in London. You really attempted to do too much in
too short a time and London is really a dreadful place
for living one out. I should certainly not care to live
there, although I suppose there is no other place in
the world where money will buy so many things.
By the way I notice that the Jews have increased
so in New York that every fourth person is a Hebrew.

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I am so sorry about those poems of George's.
You said nothing about sending them over before
you left and I did not know that you wanted
them. When I wrote last I thought I might have

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that you do and you might be on the
lookout for him. He is an Australian
- (Dr) Bertram Steele by name, said to
be a quiet ~~unassuming~~ unpretentious
man of about 30.

We shall probably hear by the next mail
that you have taken your passage and
whatever way you come may expect me
to meet you. I do hope you may have
a pleasant & restful passage.

With love to the household at Egerton
Park and a great deal for yourself
Ever your friend Bernard.

Mr. Frank Redpath is coming out by the Lake
Simcoe which sails from Liverpool on Sept. 22.

