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My dearest brother, I was so glad to get your last letter, it seemed so long since I had had one, so many things had happened since the last one came, I cannot tell you how often I longed for you in our preparations & our journey, I always feel so safe when with you, & so sure you can manage all every thing nicely, however I ought not to grumble for William does the best he can, & it really is very well indeed, considering how little experience he has had, & I am sure that it will do him a great deal of good, for this winter he has been so immersed in books that he had

almost last sight of the outer
world - Today he has gone to
Cap a la Pige in a boat with
Bob Mc Lemont, it is a large
boat & quite safe I believe, poor
little R. nearly broke his heart
because I would not let him
go, but is now quite consoled
by setting up the croquet hoops
& improving the ground. Mr
Egan asked me to go out in
his boat but has not named
a day, it is quite a beauty & as
it is a row boat, perhaps I
may venture out some day
but only with great caution.
I assure you I certainly
was surprised to hear that
you had had a visit from
Mr Maudslott, how in the world
did he find out where you were
living, you must have been
charmed to see him I'm sure &
so he is coming back to Montreal
if he is going to travel it will
no doubt improve him, I suppose
I am very silly not to like him

but somehow I did not exactly
take to him -
We had a very nice sermon
last Sunday from a young
curate, it was on the subject
of thankfulness, we certainly are
very ungrateful for all the pleasures
we so constantly receive, & the
comforts we so easily enjoy, he was
so earnest & honest that it was
quite a pleasure to listen to
him, - I hope that this will
find you enjoying yourself
at the charming sea side retreat
that papa has chosen, I don't
exactly see why you should
wish to go to the Shetland isles
I always thought that you
liked society, & city life, how-
ever you may perhaps have
had a little too much of it,
This is a very sleepy place
& I feel so inclined to lie down &
have a nap, I have bathed
before breakfast - all this week
& though the water certainly
is very cold, it does not break

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up the day so much, I have given up bathing for enjoyment & go in on strictly sanitary principles that is to say, I walk out on the rocks jump in take two dips & come out & dress.

Our sofa is even more ornamental than the one we had last year, it is covered with beautiful representations of a knight on horse back kissing the hand of a fair lady leaning over a wall above & blushing violently & uninterruptedly.

I have written such a long letter to mamma & am so lazy that I have no more energy to go on.

Yours very loving
Anne

Mr. G. G.