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My dear Nephew

I have just been writing to the dear Mother; they both went on Monday to Dundas to stay to the end of the week and yesterday your sister and I went by the Y. St. cars to the station to take leave of BB and C-- I felt glad to dose not having seen the latter for a week. They both seemed well and in good spirits; I hope the air will be beneficial to Carrie and that she will be able to stand being in comparative rough quarters for her summer holiday; after her own home it will be very makeshift accommodation. About the second week in July all being well Mrs. W. and I are going to Akron--I did not see the youngest daughter last year, and as her annual holiday is arranged for that time I feel I ought to go--if spared to see another summer, I may not be as well able to travel--you do not I hope see any cause why we should not go, later in the autumn would be cooler, but Emma cannot choose her time, and this is Mrs. W's most leisure season. I am sorry to say her toe keeps rather troublesome; hesterday she tried to wear her boot for the first time and it resents the pressure and she is obliged to return to the easier mocasin. I fear the first joint is out of the socket and that it will continue troublesome--it looks very black, the whole toe as well as the nail, and is still swollen and no power of movement in the joint.

I hope we shall be back before your time for being in Toronto or else I shall feel it to be playing at x purposes and be very disappointed--when I know your time I must fix the time we return to suit if it shortens our visit. I hope it will not be hotter than when we reached Toronto last year, Edmund thinks it a pity I should go till later and cooler weather but the reason is not in our power to alter. I hear very often from Miss Hemings, and in every letter kindest remembrances to you are sent--about 6 portions are due at this time: you will be pleased to learn that she keeps pretty well and that a legacy of £50 left by a first cousin who died in January has lately been paid to her and it has quite cheered her, and made her feel she can enjoy some short summer visits to friends in Kent and "ottingham, as well as add to her comforts at home, also that she can afford to write me oftener which seems quite an important item to her.

I have not heard any news of the three children since I told you they were gone to Bournemouth with their father--last week I posted a packet with a collerette for each of the girls and a tie for Harry, and a note to each asking Hr. to write and tell me how they all are; I hope when he writes I may gather that they are happy and well, and I must be content--I have certainly been able to sleep better for some time and have not indulged in anxious fretting about them, so I hope I may continue to sit easy to the trouble that no fretting can alter, and feel thankful that I am transplanted to so happy a home where all are kind and seem to study my comfort and do everything they can to make me happy.

I hope the warm weather will not make your Father's powers flag, the last week or two I have fancied him not quite so well--but when we were all at Dundas every one noticed how well he seemed and I thought the part of the service at St. James that he read, his voice and utterance were wonderfully firm. The beef and wine seems to have done Mrs. W. good the last week or two I have persuaded her to try it--when her foot tied her to the house her appetite failed sadly--she has felt better since she began to go out. I fear I shall tire you with my trifles--so will close with much love from your sister and myself--I am

Your affectionate Aunt
M. A. Pickton.

Till I was at Dundas I had no idea you had ever been before a magistrate for a serious charge of smoking out your neighbours.