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83 Wellesley St.  
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My dear Nephew

I am glad to have your letter today, as I had intended writing and sending the enclosed trifling souvenir of the memorable 12th. with sincere good wishes for continued health and success in your professional studies and duties--and to say I should take your silence, as permission to go to Akron--I hope we shall both be equal to the effort and return unharmed to greet you and enjoy part of your visit. Your Father and Mother are gone by Boat to join the Dundas S. S. Picnic on the beach at Hamilton, it is very hot and rather threatening for rain, I hope it may keep off till the children are all safe home, and our elders also. Mrs. Williamson's foot is better but the heat trys her very much we are both taking a little B. T. and wine to hearten us to the work of getting ready and starting.

I think you might hear of the brother of one of my former servants who was coachman and gardener to the Rector of Carley near Coventry, where Harry and Ethel were went on a visit the week I left England; they were always happy and in good and kind hands--this same Edwin Thompson, his wife and three children arrived in Toronto must a week ago and came to see me in the evening--they came in the Circapian: some lectures were given in the school rooms by a clergyman from Canada a year or two ago, and the idea had been in the man's mind ever since; when they had decided and went to take leave of their relations in Bm.--his sister got my address from Miss Nock and told them she was sure I should like to see them. They advertised in Saturday's paper, and the wife came to tell me on Tuesday that he was gone to Niagara to see a gentleman who had replied to her advertisement and I have not yet heard the result. They are both so industrious and trustworthy that I do not fear, but feel sure they will get on well: if he had not gone to Niagara your brother Edmund had given your sister leave to send Thompson to him and he would recommend to something till he knew enough to the town to take a coachman's place; they do not appear to have heard anything of Mr. Sayers Marriage or the troublous part of their leaving Broad St.

Your Father and Mother and I went to Rosedale, enjoyable driving, we were home again about 4.30--the lawn and all the trees and flowers were so lovely, and enjoyed the visit very much--were introduced to Mrs. Cochrane, who said when she met us on the veranda there was no necessity for any inferring the likeness was sufficient she is a very pleasant as well as sensible and clever woman; your cousin Jeanette and three of her sister's children were there on a few days visit so there was quite a large party of young cousins.

Your sister Nellie desires her love to you she says her toe is not ready for amputation yet. Mrs. Hoskin is here for a day or two--she looks stouter and better than when I saw her months ago--she varies very much as such patients always do. Your Mother will tell you all the Dundas news, and lest I tire you and occupy your valuable time too much I will say good afternoon.

I enclose a page of Miss Heming's last letter to show how her political happiness is marred by the change of party--I dared in my letter to her yesterday to differ widely from her on the private character of Gordon and that I had read with pleasure both sermons and speeches in different papers expressing sympathy in his sufferings and sorrow for his loss.

Your affectionate Aunt  
M. A. Pickton