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Dear Lady,

I passed a copy of the old Peep of Day to you. After looking over all the later lives of Christ & Bible stories I could not find one as good - I think Alice is almost too small to be read to, but you can tell her the simple stories - & if she does not seem to like them in just don't worry her, but tell her still smaller & shorter ones & show her the pretty grassing things, & show her all the spring flowers, & tell her their names, & that God made them. In the beginning God made the heavens & earth - to the beginning in another sense also - The first thing to learn & if it is taken in, it is a fine real thought - & bring a child, as it were, to into the presence of the great Father, who made all.

I wish I could get again some of the Sunday books we used to have. There was a nice one

with full page pictures of the  
Parables - I will try if I can  
find it beneath some of the  
modern rubbish - There is no  
end to the effrontery of modern  
writers - I was flatching my  
lately ~~or child's~~ book called  
"The story of Joseph - told by him-  
self - which took liberties with  
the wonderful old story, that  
showed the modern literary  
view-point, as without  
reverence, or godly fear of  
any kind = I w<sup>d</sup> like to go into

the question of a library for  
children & they all the books  
I thought w<sup>d</sup> be nice for them.  
That is one of the things I  
c<sup>d</sup> do if I was free from the  
expense of this large house.

We have had lovely weather  
& clear bright - in to us, the  
most beautiful hepaticas I  
have ever seen, really bright  
blue & pink - they came from  
the back river -

We had tea out of doors  
today, & it was quite the sky  
lovely. I fear rain is coming  
& the country wants it but  
the 148<sup>th</sup> class to have a war  
review on the Mc Gill grounds  
& I w<sup>d</sup> be sorry if it c<sup>d</sup> not  
be held = I have had no word

of the sailing of Rose & Lily the  
Innanahie! I sh<sup>d</sup> have left  
yesterday - & Rose was to call  
to Mr Gray - from the C.P. R. wharf  
& he was to write to me -  
Perhaps he has only written  
& his brother Andrew may  
come up tomorrow & tell you  
blieve I sh<sup>d</sup> lunch with  
us Friday with some "sods"  
as nice little chaf. No  
straight, & hungry, & well be-  
haved - blieve has grown  
stouter, but looks very well,  
Mrs S. has been very poorly -  
not sleeping etc -

Has Johnny not got his  
2<sup>d</sup> tooth yet - I hope he will  
come back to his day sleep  
he is much too young to drop it  
I wonder if nurse sees he gets  
up his little ball of wind to  
fore she settles him, & if she  
does him up firmly as Clara  
did, & which seemed to com-  
pact him - Even if she spurs  
on hair gently rolling the  
carriage, or patting him in  
his crib it wd be worth while

I do wish you sh<sup>d</sup> get a cook -  
We have engaged one for Mon-  
day & I hope she will come &  
render good service -

We were sorry not to see

the Winklaeus - but - Ken. will  
tell us about - their leaving  
when he comes back - I hear  
a flood of some kind caused  
them to go round by Chicago.

Is this trouble in Ireland  
not terrible - another little  
caunt against the German  
but it is a mercy the Irish  
malcontents did not get the  
arms & ammunition - It seems  
absurd for Dublin to be the  
scene of an uprising like  
that -

Much love dear

from Mother

Dear Prof. Mc Houghton has  
just had a cable telling him  
his son has been killed.  
He was the only child, saw  
a poor lad who is not  
quite right, & lives at an  
institution of some kind in  
the U.S. - The mother has  
been in Eng. since last  
summer & lately had been  
back in Eng. on a leave  
so that may be some comfort.  
Alas! Alas! for these young  
lives - & none of us know  
what a day may bring  
forth - a.H.