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295 University
generally interesting
Feb. 14th / 08

Dear Ruth,

Clare & G. M. have disappeared in a hauling blizzard. & I hope they will not be called upon to remember it - by being swarmed up - but G. M.'s traditional coffee & sandwiches will secure against starvation. The departure was honoured by the appearance at breakfast of our three men-bodies - B.S. saw to the trunks - Con. went to the station, & I think father almost felt his occupation gone - The house is awfully empty - you & Clare seem to create more of a presence than the others - but she has only gone for two weeks. - Gladys had joyfully written that G. M. was to have his camp bell room - he had seen to it - I imagine her in the most costly of the costly suites!! Clare had of course written for their old rooms if disengaged - She is

curious to see what Wood-
stock thinks of Gladstone - If he
has become absorbed in it - as
if he is trying to educate it -

I enclose a sermon I thought
you wd be interested in -
Clara says she thinks people
seem as little able to avoid
the marrying, as the being born.
Mrs Johnson (Wal) says it is a
disease - I asked if she wd
recommend inoculation as
a preventive - Lady Lou Har-
court (who does not seem cordial
about her son's engagement)
says it is entirely prophingy.

I don't mean to laugh about
it - but I wd much like to de-
bate the question taking the
mother's side. & the "Fren-
eration to generation," as against
the personal choice. But if
young people realized that
happiness can only grow out
of certain definite roots, &
wd gather the idea of a perfectly
united married life - we
might do better - & yet nearly
all think they are entering
paradise - when all they have
to sow in the marriage garden
is the seeds of a few thorns &
chistles, wht grow fast enough

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Do you remember what was
said of Chas Kingsley, married
life, by his wife & the hints of
the details of it - one gathers in
reading the life - that they be-
gan determining that every
thing, even to the breaking of
a plate, was to be regarded
in the light of God's presence -
"Seeking first the Kingdom of
God" - this is the secret of all
true success - & I hope you
beloved husband's maxims will
make it your motto -

The U.S.A. - gets \$100,000 from
the King estate & Mc Gill College
\$50,000 - which is a matter of
thankfulness -

Your two letters received
with much pleasure - If you
like I will forward any
general letter to Clare while
away - She watches for your
letters so eagerly - I fancy you are
realizing what she has often
dreamed of - you are right
about her tick tires if she
does not come back quite
well - I must have her thro-
ughly looked over - The stupid
fit us are in about doctors
however we will see -
Con - enjoyed his days in Kingston

well - the R. M. C. dance was
put off, owing to the suicide
of that unfortunate Mr Kenyon
who was Bank Manager &
known to every one in Kingston
Mrs Jack Arler; died too, sad-
dened Kingston, - I fancy care-
lessness - as she died after her
first-child was born, they
called it - blood-poisoning.

Thursday

Your parcel arrived & I
took it in charge. I told her
to, if it arrived when I was
out. I'm much enjoyed
having such a fine raw
stylish fur - We had a cake
for her, & a few apples & such.

The Malson's bank is now
paying its dividends quar-
terly instead of half-yearly.
12.50 cash in lately I
took it, which we leave you
the 12.50 - first of May - if
that suits you as well.

What do you want me to
send you next week \$75.00
will you be out of money
by then: Can you pay your
board on Sat. 24th - If 20

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it wd be better not to send
till Monday 26th which wd
be near the time to pay your
pieces for drawing & not
leave you too much on hand
perhaps \$60.00 wd be enough.

I am not sure that I
like you paying less than
your share of the board.
I can generally trust you to
do the right thing, & I am
sure Mrs M - is most
kind in all arrangements.

I saw Mrs Sterling yesterday - it was a big storm
& she was all alone - Hope
to hear tomorrow from
Wadstock.

Much love dear. I
send you some letters
re grateful that they cir-
cled - you

Love from all
Mother

I have not been able to
read this over

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Carols are ordered