

Manay Bay July 22 - 1869
Thursday

dearest William

I feel deeply grieved
to know you left for Paspé,
without one word of thanks
from any of us, to you or George
for all your loving kind consideration
for us. Had I been in your place I
know I should have felt quite hurt
& I am glad to be able to tell you
that I did write - Rankine wrote to
you & Anna wrote to George enclosing
(together with a letter from Mr Bayard)
the whole in one envelope & committing
it to Robert Carpenter's care, to be left
by him at Russell's & Abel's. We
left ^{this} by Sunday night's boat. We believed

this to be a surer measure than by
mail. From you I have received
four letters — the last from Quebec.

We received the Croquet box so quickly
that it was a most unsuspected pleasure.

Anna was on the wharf when it arrived
& brought it home in a Calack. With
every ^{thing} in good order according to yours but
the vegetables & bouquet we also received
in good order.

You may be sure I am sorry to hear
you found me but preoccupied. I
fear trouble in the future. The other
misfortunes cost only money.

We go on very happily here. We had
a very nice birth day party — fifteen little girls
who played Croquet all the afternoon like
Ladies. With Georgy's flowers — mild flowers
Shrub berries & Currants on the table
looked quite pretty. & 14 of us sat around.

The ceil party are comparatively quiet.
They meet at Mr. M. Simons Sunday morning

I beg 9 Weeks day out. On Sunday afternoon
Mr Dunlap preached, occupying the space
between our house & Mr Hendersons. Mr Proffatt,
Mrs Carpenter & I listened, sitting in the dining-
room. Anna went to teach in the
Meeting house. I think they are quite
satisfied upon being quiet.

Maggie there came over from Cacouna
last day, she is only going to remain till
Saturday. Mr & Mrs Sullivan are also here
on a visit to me are preparing to go to
Le Sauvage tomorrow while they are here.

Anna has been taking the medicine
you sent & found immediate benefit
from it. She is quite well. I have
allowed her to begin to bathe this week.

I have been observing the weather
more carefully than usual on your
account. I believe you are likely to have
had a beautiful passage, it has been
so calm. Last day (Wednesday) a very heavy
showers fell & another this morn. but it
is again fine & continues pleasantly warm.

you almost succeeded in making
me superstitiously timid about you
by your enclosure about money matters
that I have tried to throw it off & Commit
you both constantly to the care of our
Heavenly father. I pray that you may have
success in your explanations & blessings
temporal & spiritual. I wish very much
that you should Court opportunities to
speak privately to George about his soul.
it wd be such a blessing if we cd rely upon
his stability of principle before he goes alone
into the world but I shall be loath if he sets
his heart decidedly upon going to England this
winter. Surely when you intend to have
a special course for geological students
he cd spend another year at Calver profitable

I shall attend to mail your letter to England
I have written in good time but anything
she present me later. Anna is engaged with
Maggie Kees. if there is an opportunity she will
write to S. Please give my special love to him.
accept love & kisses & thanks & blessings from
me & love believe me your loving Margaret