

Anna
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Dearest papa, We have quite a family here now assembled Frankine & George - I last night Florence & Wm were up so it was an assemblage of all the clan on this side of the Atlantic. George is looking well & seems more cheerful than last winter, but unfortunately has got a very bad cold - he had intended to return to Ottawa today but as it is wet & stormy we have persuaded him to stay over & he dashed a little so I hope he will lose his cough & go back restored to his work -

We have had a kind of apple carnival on the fruit of your garden, the children have managed to get through a barrel & a half of St Lawrence

in a very condition not
to speak of many based
I steamed I feel - Harma
seems to have faced
them also a great resource
no doubt - much better than
English ones -

I was quite shocked
to hear that you were hin-
dered at returning here in
spring - I had imagined that
having once taken a holiday
you had carry it through
with the same thoroughness
you do other matters of
business - you will only
meet with reproaches from
all your friends - as to the
work of preparation for
the B. A. of course the people
now taking hold will be
glad enough to fall back
I let you hear the breath
of it, if you choose to volun-
teer - but I think they
might as well do a little
of the tail themselves, I regard
the just reward of satis-
faction - Indeed at the last

meeting on this subject -
Our White & the others insisted
strongly that business men
sh^d manage the arrangements
that scientists were not at
all competent - for the exact
& beautiful results that were
to be arrived at on this
occasion, so it is a pity
not to let these talented
persons perfect their own
schemes - & as to the Collyer
Johnson has grown so large
he is twice his usual size
& so many new larvae
in the junior depart-
ments ought to sweep
clean -

Tuesday -

George has gone back to Ottawa
today, his cold much better
Kaukine gave him some medicine
wh. worked like a charm
mother's letter, with enclosure
for Kaukine & George arrived
so there was no difficulty
in delivering them to their
owners -

Thursday

I am ashamed of such a
fragmentary epistle ~~sent~~

to have written you such
a charming letter, & this is
all the result.

I think every one speaks
well of the Winthalloes, his
lectures are much liked &
he seems to get on capitally
with the medicals. He is
energetic, & practical, he un-
doubtedly likes Montreal, & is
determined to have a botanic
garden - rearrange the
herbariums, & carry out
many of the plans you
have begun -

Inquiries of every kind
nature, are made about you
on all hands, too numerous
to put down in order.

With all love
affectionately
Anna