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Birkenshaw,

Little Metis.

Dearest William

Before this reaches
you probably Rankine
will occupy a place in his
old home - it is strange to
realize this, & more strange
that I sh^d be here & he there.
Still I am sure it is best. I do
hope however that it will not
add the care of new arrangements
to your other load, but thus

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Ellen will take all in a quiet
spirit & I am sure Rankine
will quickly take in the situation
& adapt himself to the circumstances.
Anna has written to ask Bernard
to let you have Kate, if he
is not to be Montreal while R.
is there, & I have also written to
Florence to ask her. Should Kate fail
you to write to Ellen Davidson, the
both of these girls are trustworthily
so I hope you will get one or
other of them & not bring in strangers
to give uneasiness & trouble. At this

distance. It is useless to give
 advice because doubtless you
 must act at once & as things
 develop.

Many thanks for an ample supply
 of newspapers. I fear I shall have to
 bother you still further as
 there are a few things we shall
 not be able to do without. In
 addition to the teapot, wh. is being
 replaced & for wh. please pay Florence
 \$3., will you bring (or send by Rankine
 wh. he precedes you) the small, new,
 double tin Coffee-pot. 4 kitchen
 knives & forks, of those in use at home,

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Was clock on the bracket in
his room. Since I mentioned
the quantity of paper here I have
found four quires? of large ruled
foolscap. Please also get 6.

Cast iron - small - buttons or smils
to pattern doves.

With Eric's & my best love to
Rankine & to yourself from your

Affectionate

Mary Ann

Monday 2nd