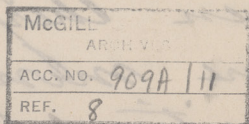


Many happy returns
of dominion day & two
kisses

Kingsey.
July 1st



My own darling Papa,

I got your letter last night, I hardly had expected to hear from home so soon again but of course I was delighted I was only sorry that my letter did not reach before mamma left, but I suppose she will be so much occupied that she will not miss it.

Dora, Sophie & I have been collecting for the Bible society it is great fun we get the waggon & drive ourselves, but you have no idea how nice it is going to see all the people, their houses are so clean & neat such a contrast to these ^{of the} French people, & they seem pretty willing to give what little they can though

they seem to have very little
money just now, many pro-
mised to give us something
when they should have had
some money, only one person
positively refused to give
us anything. altogether it
is very nice, for all the
people are so pleasant &
it is so exciting generally.

I had a splendid night
the other night, I don't know
when I have had such
fun.

Tonight we are going down
to Colonel Leach's to tea &
are going to celebrate Domin-
ion day by a grand bon-
fire I expect she will have
great fun, Mrs Leach is so
very nice. she is just what
you imagine the old English
ladies in novels, handsome
ladylike, kind, very English
& altogether quite charming
the Colonel is a nice looking
old gentleman but I have
not spoken to him yet

We have bathed twice, it is great fun floating, for I have taught Dara to float & we go up the river at once & the float down on the current, it is so nice you & not a bit dangerous for the river is quite shallow on the Kingsly side, I have not had any swimming that could be called so far where the river is deep the current is too strong, I don't want you to have the expense of a funeral for me quite yet.

I have finished one sketch which does not look particularly nice, I am now doing another which looks more promising, as a brilliant sun-set relieves the green of the trees. I discovered a book on water-colour sketching the other day & have got some or two "wrinkles" from it which are useful to me, I only wish I had half a dozen sketching

blocks for ~~them~~ I would
not be obliged to finish ~~any~~
painting so ~~quintely~~, till
I got home

Eva was riding one of the
horses bare-back yesterday
under Mr. Crosser's super-
vision, she did not seem a
bit afraid, I think she is
quite getting over her nervous
ness, & she is ~~step~~ much more
gentle since she has had no
children to play with

I hope this writing went down
you too much ~~but~~ it is all
the fault of this hateful
paper that gave me ~~me~~
before I left

Next week we are going
down to Thompsonville
for a day or two, it will
be very nice for they have
such lots of ~~boats~~ I boats,
we were to ~~go~~ some down
down today ~~to~~ the road
but we ~~could~~ not

Has George gone to the
hotel or the boarding house
at Salsusac ~~and~~ he has