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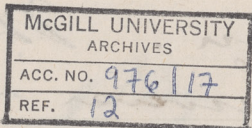
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Ship Harbour July 10

Dearest Margaret

I have just arrived at this place and write you it as I find that I cannot write you a sheet in time for the mail of Saturday evening.

I spent Tuesday in Inyoboo seeing schools in the village and vicinity and managing to take a little sketch of the place. This morning early I started for the Strait of Canso, crossing Inyoboo Harbour in the morning. The road from Inyoboo to Canso Ferry is one of the worst I ever travelled, very hilly and in many places a mass of large stones. I visited two schools by the way and we got along so slowly that it was nearly 5 o'clock when we reached the Ferry. Our horse is very quiet in crossing ferries but this time a little "dear" at the Strait of Canso he became a little restive and a Kanchuman whom the ferryman had employed as a rover became so frightened that when a little way from

the shore we had to return. We  
made a second attempt however and  
got safely across. I was thankful to  
get over as the ferry is very long and  
the boat none of the best. On this  
side I had a drive of four miles  
over very wretched road to this place.

I shall not have to cross this  
ferry again. On my return I shall  
take the Plaster Cove ferry a much safer  
one. So tomorrow I leave early

for Anabat, the road to which is  
good. There is a ferry on this road  
but it is narrow and has good  
boats, and I do not need to take  
the horse over unless I chose.

I shall have a bundle of  
dirty clothes here so as not to have the  
trouble of carrying them on with me. The  
roads I have to travel in C. Breton are  
much better than those I have travelled  
the last few days; if the weather be fine  
I shall be very comfortable.

I could tell you a great deal of  
what I have seen &c, but I have  
had a long day's journey and must  
go to bed early so as to be fresh  
in the morning.

I hope dear Margaret that

You often take walks and endeavor  
to keep your health good. I take  
good care of myself and certainly  
do not want fresh air which  
agrees very well with me.

William Benthe is well  
as you may tell his father of his  
excess, and he is very useful  
and obliging

I now bid you good night  
with all good wishes to you and  
dear little George.

Your loving  
William

U.S. Thursday morning. A fine day, and  
a pleasant start. Excuse the wretched  
scrawl I wrote last night.