

None young men
Mr Egan a trouble

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My dearest mamma,
I was very glad to get your last letter though it was not a very detailed epistle I really have but an indistinct notion of your movements, so I hope you are prepared to perform any amount of talk when you come back, I was just a little put out that I had no more definite news of papa's arrangements for if he were coming out soon we might wait here to see him, however on the whole I have decided to leave as soon as the schools close, we have been having such hot weather for the past week that every one begins to think of leaving, the children are quite well but have been rather cross & troublesome during the heat, now it is quite cool again & they begin to look brighter, Mabel Selwyn is still here she took a fit of Diarrhoea the other night, I woke me up with

deimal groans, I gave her a
good large dose of castor oil
& she was all right next day
the baby is a girl & a very pretty
child large & healthy, I saw both
it & the mother last week. The
latter seems very well indeed.

Now as for news I have any
amount we have been so very gay
since Harnie came that I am
quite ashamed of myself. Last
Saturday Mrs Baynes, Mina, b' Hara
Jessie, ~~Bornie~~, William, Hankine &
myself went down to Dr Evans'
little house to take tea (I left Eva
& Mabel with Eliza who really is
wonderfully good & nice when left in
charge). The journey in the horse-car
was quite delightful, & we received
a hearty welcome from Dr E. &
duly inspected his little domicile
which consists of a bed-room &
sitting-room, he gave us some
delicious lemonade, & we had a
very nice tea, we partook of
it sitting crowded together in
his little room on chairs lounges
stools, etc. while Dr E. dispensed
the refreshments, altogether it
was a most exceptional evening.

we reached home a little after
nine, & to our great surprise
found that Alfred had gone down
for us about half an hour before
he was rather disgusted when he
found us gone, to use an Irish
phrase, talking of Alfred, he &
Jessie have settled it all between
themselves, tho' I see wears a ring
he gave her, Miss Mac Lemont does
not seem to object but the guardians
have to be consulted, they had a
quarrel the other day she gave
back the ring, & they both wanted
rational looking, wretched, I rather
think it was G's fault, I cornered
him & gave him a good lecture
for teasing her, so, & the next day
they made it up, but to speak
seriously Alfred is wonderfully im-
proved by it, he seems twice as
much of a man, & is so thoughtful
& considerate for every one that it
is quite a pleasure to see him, the
only thing I regret is that the
engagement will have to be so
long a one, as waiting will not
suit either of them, Now mamma
remember I have written this to
you in strict confidence, not even

George as G. know of it; I please
don't be beguiled by the selective
presence of friends & relations to
tell them even a whisper of it,
for I am afraid it is rather
a breach of confidence to tell even
you.

We have had any amount of
gentlemen up here lately, in the
evenings, one evening there were
Mr Brady, Mr Wetherston, Mr
Mc Colloch & Alfred, ^{Arthur & George} what do you
think of that? of course I never
ask them in, in fact the order
of proceeding is somewhat as follows
after dinner a walk in the
garden, decorate ourselves with
flowers, see the children scuffed
bed, go over to the Baynes steps
where Mrs B - & Miss P. L. sit
constantly under their protection
we see the people that come, Hamie
& Jessie seem wonderful attrac-
tions & no more than they care for
come, we enjoy their company so and
hand. Last night Dr Hunt,
came up & brought me some
superior kinds of annuals for
the garden, he was very benign
ditto ditto his sisters, Mrs Mary
does not look very well, & perhaps

not very much. I was to have been
with the Secretary, lately
the quarrel had seemed to be the
real matter that had not
been settled, for some time
back. Mrs. Taylor has been up
to see me three times since
I was out of the last
party. She invited us to a dinner
at it to some of the same
all these things happen, while
I was out of the last party.
The meeting which I had
was very interesting
to have not a doubt that
it has had some very
parents, but I had a
was introduced to the
the English Church
the (Indians) of the
I was to see the
he is to see the
is good & I enjoyed my half hour that

she will go to Murray Bay for
change of air, one of Hattie's
performances had rather am-
used me, Mr Egan came up
last Monday afternoon to call
she & he struck up quite an
friendship & before I knew ~~where~~
they were about they he had pro-
mised to bring her something on
Thursday, even that was not
enough for the very next day
the band was playing, Hattie
& I walking round when he
joined us, on Thursday he
arrived punctually, & as the idea
of a whole afternoon in the
house oppressed me, I proposed
going over the college, I tried to
improve the situation by infor-
ming him about the struggles
of our university, the necessity
of education etc. - he knows a
good deal more than I thought
seemed quite to understand
all Dr Johnson's apparatus, - I told
Hattie she must not encourage
him to come up in this way, for
as he is going to Murray Bay, I don't
want to be too intimate, I assure
you I try to be very good & discreet
& really I have been enjoying my