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Dear Grandma

I must thank
you for your very interesting letter
received by last mail. The
steamer arrived unusually
early, & the letters got here on
Tuesday evening, for the first time
this season.

You ask about Dr. Parker's family
It consists I believe of young
Parker who goes to the school of
mines, two young ladies.

Two little boys of about 8 or 12

& a little sister, still younger.
You will remember I suppose
that last spring there were two
big gaps in this street where
the Underground Railway went
across. They have now both
been filled up with houses,
built uniformly with the rest.
The scaffolding of the East side
just came down a few
days ago. The street is much
improved in appearance.

Mr Phillips is not Prof. Phillips
as you style him in your
letter. Prof Phillips is a professor
of geology at Oxford. Mr J. A.

Phillips lives at Liverpool, & is quite a different person.

Some time ago we had rather a troublesome little incident. Mrs. G. had a doctor & as soon as it was found out what was the matter. She was removed to the Hospital, & in about a fortnight afterwards died. We went in for copious disinfection, Mrs. G. had the servants room thoroughly cleaned out painted, & whitewashed, & after an interim during which the work was done by a charwoman we got another servant, & have been going on comfortably enough ever since. This

was before the Easter Holidays,
but - I thought I would not
write about it at the time,
or till all possible danger of
infection had passed; in case it
might make you anxious.

We have really got summer
at last. Fine weather, & for the
last few days it has been
almost uncomfortably warm.
No doubt you will be trying
to experience the same in
Montreal, & wishing for the change
to the seaside.

With love to all

& especially to yourself

Your affectionate son

Geoff. H. Davis