

Williams first house
on Waterloo St.

1842?

Anna

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Dearest Mother,

I am very glad that
F & W. have at last secured a house
which I think is by far the best of
any they have seen - or heard of within
their means - It is in Durocher St.
not far up. one of two modern cottages
built by Adams our former neighbor
one being rented & one occupied by
his daughter - I have not been over
the house as W. gave me a wrong
number & I c^d not find it - It
has not an extension kitchen but
is I think very well arranged has
basement - dining room but they
will not use that, & they have
pantry on first floor a dumb waiter
smoke's transport easy - while a
small room at the back suitable
for little study is a gain - 4 rooms
upstairs, & plenty of cupboards up &
down - all put within walls &
a good furnace just outside of the
kitchen door - have only a year old
rent of \$20 - & taxes - they will require
ample & handsome curtains, as there is
no folding door only two pillars
dividing the rooms - The Street is
broad & I thought - barred, & abated
them as much as I c^d -

The weather here has been remarkable
no sunshine, one sunny day in two
weeks past - Snow, snow & gloomy
weather - Complaints on all hands of
illness - We happily are all well when

I think is I think outgrawing the
delicacy that has made me be very
watchful of her since that last time
she had - the weakness seems to be in
her stomach, every now & then she
complains of pain there, loses her appetite
& is very feverish for two days or so
when it - passes off - such a thing is
it useless to ask how and about, not
severe enough to get any proper care
but last summer I got some useful
hints from Blackader at Metz, etc.
I keep in mind -

Your letters from the East are
most delightful, before you left
Egypt - you no doubt have shared in
the intense indignation there that the
wavering action of England at Khan
induced such a regretful loss of
life English, as well as native
It is too shameful - & will in the end
lead to far more severe than a
prompt action at the beginning
We have been laughing over
Muir's account of the place
you have been visiting - His
pyramids ascent is inevitable
the "maniac flight" he describes
it as being must be wearing you
seem to have been the one in a 1000
who proved to be a match for the
wild Arab - I took your own way
His paper too, is capital -

I regret that you did not
at once buy the gold thread at
the Caere bazaar especially when
you had a guide abroad in London
Flarence looks so well in the
coral you sent her - I wish you
could bring her more to make a set
it is so becoming - A spray in her
hair or coral if I were to be lovely
& some kind of bracelet - I was
surprised at Amber being so dear

I thought it was very ungracious
I was glad I had not asked you
to bring me a string, wh I had
thought of doing, as a 3^d string
w^d improve my necklace but
certainly w^d not care to give, as to have
given for me, such seems as you
mentioned. If you are again in
Italy where photos are I believe so
cheap - I wish you w^d try I get a
pretty head to match ~~an~~ beautiful
one of "The Neapolitan boy" wh. I have
got I will get the no. of inches of the
photo I send it - by next letter, I do
hope you w^d not miss Palestine
men if you have to travel by the
"Ship of the Desert" I sh^d not think it
half bad to sit on one of those trays
one sees pictured, except that in my
case, my legs w^d infallibly go to sleep
but I guess may not be so remarkably
inclined.

Enclosed are various docu-
ments of the childrens wh they were
urgent to have sent - Eric's is one
sublimatic of various countries
I have to discourage their desire
as you w^d receive weekly budgets
that w^d astonish you, Edith &
Eric have devoted themselves to
making jumping jacks lately with
good effect. If you in your
wanderings c^d discover an in-
tractable doll - let me know, I can
wig & adjust eyes till I begin to
think the family of dolls more
trouble than the children, but the
little girls play with them, continuing
take two or three each to bed with them

I really c^d not exist without
them Miss Mc Dargall's wedding was
put off at the last moment, some
of the guests I even the clergyman
only knew directly before it was
to transpire I craved to go to the
church they said he was ill, but
from the enclosed I fear some
deeper trouble will break the whole
thing off - of course the paragraph
may be mistaken, I have been no
prouder to ask about it, but it
seems very sad.

Mrs Cassels has broken her
upper arm but is as well as can
be under the circumstances.

I will send you a Carnival
paper I hear that the Star had
orders for 4000 more copies than
c^d be printed - It really is cap-
itally got up - & a credit to Montreal
look to Eva Affectionately
Anna