

Rideau Club,

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My dear Mother,

What with the P.S.C.

meeting & other things I have  
had little time to think about  
matters at large, but have  
occasionally considered the  
matter of a wedding present.  
It seems best that I should be  
able to go to the length of  
\$200 or so on the occasion  
& I will send a bill of  
Exchange or something of the  
kind after you for that amount  
shortly, addressed to Care of

Hope. — What the gift may be  
 I leave entirely to you or to  
 Eva or both, but I favour  
 either some article of jewellery  
 or something useful of a  
 household kind. That gives  
 a pretty wide scope & the  
 Circumstances under which the  
 Couple are to live, if ascertainable,  
 should help a decision.  
 I can scarcely believe that  
 the date of your departure is  
 so near, but hope that as  
 you have waded up your mind  
 to go, you will have a very  
 good time of it. You should  
 see Maggie Kempf among others

in London. She is a  
 very sensible person &  
 should be able to advise  
 you on various things if  
 you need it. You should  
 Enquire from her about Ella  
 & find out how she is.  
 I don't suppose that you  
 will be able to visit Scotland,  
 but it will be a great  
 disappointment to people there  
 if you do not, & you  
 will require to make most  
 ample apologies of one sort

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or other:

Gours  
Leaps.

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