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with love T.B.

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Dearest-mother,

I was glad to hear that you got off on Thursday as arranged, I am sure that you enjoyed yourself, & that this will only be the first of many little visits. It has always been a grievance with us, that you would not come into dear home & see the ins & outs of them & there are always best, as well as worst. Florence has everything in such nice order, & does not let things get shabby as I am obliged to.

Now I hope you are safely home, & have found all well. We have had the loveliest spring weather & w^d some days have been comfortable with no coat at all - but yesterday we set out to the Metropolitan Museum in a mild & misty air with little niggling rain - we were there a long while looking at pictures, & we had lunch also, but-

when we came back it was
in a bitter cold, & a regular
blizzard, most of the way we
were in the cars, but Kulla & I
had a regular struggle down
the few blocks to the Chelsea.
I'd not kept an umbrella up, &
the pavement icy, & several of the
hurry-cain type. This morning the
houses opposite were drifted
up to top of steps three feet or
more of well packed snow &
to see the maids with brooms
tackling this - & poor ladies on
the steps waiting till they could
get out, was very amusing.
Hard times for the poor! Still
the blizzard rages -

I wonder if Kulla has told
you about the library at Washington
ton - he'll - since you are I was!
there - It is marvellous! - the whole
lower flat - polished white marble
& rather like a crystal - with low &
heavy arches, & used for offices,
well - stair cases, & countless pillars
with long arcades the ceilings
done in the most exquisite manner
by Italian workmen - paintings
or frescoes adorning every part
of vaultage - & a large central
columnade & dome, something
like the British Museum but

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very much more magnificent.
Galleries surrounding it with
pillars & statues - It cost some
6 millions - The books are all
delivered from the stack to the
central office by pneumatic
tubes like those at libraries - &
there is an underground way
to the Capital by which books
are sent across, when called
for by telephone, only a few
minutes elapsing from request
to the book coming. Marvellous
is it not -

Mr Livingston, an old student
who comes to see us from time
to time, has been most kind, &
seems just pleased to do all he
can for us. He is ^{secretary} a very in-
fluential government committee
& took H. & Keith to the University
reception, without their having to
wait in the line at all - I don't know
how he managed it, but it was
very nice to see it all & not have to
wait 5 minutes - I found when he
graduated from Mc Gill he came
New York, & began as a teacher -
but his active mental took him
into business, & he is deep in it

do in big coal, & land, & Railway
affairs & very wealthy, with large
prospects opening before him - He
says the chief secret of success is to
stick at things - He says he wd.
not have been without his
College education for any thing,
that in the U.S. no one wants a
bank manager, or any person for
such posts who is not a College
man - It is a pity to lose a man
like this from Canada - but chances
here are so much greater -

You wd. like this Chelsea
It was built for an apartment
house - & most of the rooms are in
groups - We have parlour two bed
rooms bath room & linen hall
with door bell & telephone, all for
a dollar less than we paid for
two rooms at Washington, & stably
over at that - Nice Cafe - lunch
for 50^{cts} dinner same at
.75 - unless you prefer to order a
la carte - near every thing, & clean
with good & attentive service -

We are going to see an exhibi-
tion of Japanese curios, which are
to be sold at auction at the end of
the week, & have come from the
St. Louis fair - Then to see a few
shops - Time is up - pardon haste.
Love to all at home -
Anna