

Anna Andrews

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My dearest Anna,

I am delighted to hear that under the warming influences of gin, cool oil & peppermint lozenges you arrived at your destination without being frozen.

You were certainly very very good to write so soon, for you must have felt tired after your long drive.

I only got your letter
this morning, although
it should have been
received yesterday.

It is well that your
absence is to be a short
one; for otherwise I
might pine away, or go
into a decline, and decline
to be comforted, or do some
other dreadful thing.

As it is the absence of
my pet has made me
decidedly pettish at times.

Saturday afternoon and
evening I worked at

the college laboratory -
obedient to the commands
of that unjust judge
who ordered me to make
certain analyses against
my will. Then Sunday
evening was spent with
a family of your acquaint-
ance living at McMill
College. I did my best
to make myself agreeable,
even taking my turn at
reading aloud!!!!

The lady of the house,
in her daughter's absence,
poured the tea, and did

all in her power to put
her feet at his ease.

Whether she attributed
his dejected look to the
absence of her daughter
we are not informed.

Last evening was most
profitably spent at the
Laboratory in company
with my good little
boy, Adams. He is really
quite a treasure to me.

To-night there is a
business meeting at the
Natural History Rooms, to
which I am going, solely
because of the pleasure

which it will afford²
me, and not at all
because I feel it my
duty to go.

after such a round of
dissipation you must
expect to find me pale
& wan on your return.
Mr. Selwyn has not as
yet condescended to inform
me as to whether he did
anything for me at Ottawa,
and as my patience -
the patience of a chemist -
is about exhausted, I
have made up my
mind to "interview" him
on the morrow.

But I must be off to
that meeting, and so
must stop writing, although,
for once in my life,
I feel as if I could "go
on forever."

I hope you will take
good care of my grand-
mother. She needs a deal
of looking after.

Give my love to the various
members of the Harrington
household - excepting the
cook &

Believe me as ever
Your loving
Bernard.

I. P. I have become a
total abstainer - in so
far as arm chairs are
concerned.

Be sure to let me know
what day you expect
to return.

B. J. H.

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