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Mr Douglas

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It was my intention to write you a long letter this evening, but Mr Douglas (formerly of Quebec) came and invited me to go out to his house a few miles from Philadelphia to stay over night and I could not resist accepting, for it is so nice to get away from the heat & confusion of the city. Then to-morrow night I am going to Germantown to stay over Sunday with Danenport, and do not know whether I shall get a chance to write. The weather is still

very hot, but I am beginning
to get accustomed to it and
do not mind it very much,
as I am not much exposed
to the sun. Indeed I am
feeling much more contented
than I did, now that I am
getting the collection into a
little better order and know
where things are. But do not
imagine from my saying
this that I miss my darling
wife any less. No dear the
longing which I feel to see
you - to say nothing of talking
with you in a more natural
way than on paper - increases
with the hours. A letter came
here last evening addressed
to Mr. Weston, so I imagine
he has either left Montreal
or will leave very soon.
Since I ~~left~~ began writing

I have had to get up no less than three times to do the showman, the last time for one of the Austrian Commission.

An hour and a half later.
Dr Lovell has been here for an hour and a half looking at rocks and now I have not more than five minutes before I must leave for the train to meet Mr Douglas, so I cannot write more.

I only send this in case I may not get an opportunity to write tomorrow.

Yours loving B.

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German town,
August 13th 1876

Dearest Anna,

Here I am again
at no 109 Queen Street, German-
town, spending Sunday with
Davenport, and I can assure
you that it is delightful
to sit down & write in peace
& quiet in a place with
an air of home about it -
though only the home of
bachelors.

On Friday I accompanied
Mr. Douglas to Phoenixville
and stayed over night. Mr
& Mrs Douglas & old Dr
Douglas were all very polite
& kind to me & I enjoyed
my short visit very much.

They sold most of their pictures before they left Quebec, but the Dr retained his collection of Egyptian antiquities, and some Italian works of art. &c. He seems to enjoy showing them to people and was pleased because I took an interest in them. He spent six winters in Egypt and took great quantities of paper impressions of all sorts of hieroglyphics from which he now takes plaster casts, working at it from morning till night. Mrs Douglas said that she had met you at Murray Bay. I hoped that if you came to Philadelphia you would come out to Phoenixville to

see them. At six o'clock on Saturday morning Mr & I went to visit the copper works, about half a mile from the house, then returned for breakfast & at nine I took the train for Philadelphia.

Phoenixville is about twenty-seven miles from Philadelphia and the railroad follows the Schuylkill River all the way so that one gets many pretty ~~bits~~ bits of scenery.

I had entirely forgotten that young Brydges lived in this part of the country, but he does and spent Friday evening at the Douglas's.

Saturday as usual I spent

at the exhibition answering
the questions of the enqui-
ring or rather the inquisitive
crowd and at six P. M.
came out to fermantown.
After tea Davenport & I went
to Dr. Darroch's and had
some music. I enjoyed
playing very much, although
the piano is not a very good
one.

Many thanks dear for
your last letter, dated
August 6th; it reached
me on Friday. It certainly
does not seem as if letters
should take so long getting
here as they do. I hope
that Mrs Selwyn has
quite recovered by this
time. What with her, the
sick baby, & the inebriates
they must have had a

lively night² at the hotel.

When I get to Metz we can make arrangements for staying there until the college work begins if I can get leave of absence for so long; or we might, as you suggest, go for a little while to Bic. My movements will have to depend upon whether I undertake any field work or not.

I shall endeavour to think of the second volume of the United Netherlands when in Montreal and take it down to you.

Enclosed is a hurried copy of Lowell's little poem entitled "My Love," and much of which made me think of my wife.

I am still reading Acts, and find the book very interesting although not so full of beauty as many other parts of scripture. Only think of it, dear, in a very short time, if God so wills, we shall again read together.

But, darling, it is dinner time & I must close with oceans of love.

Your affectionate
Bernard.

I have heard nothing from Weston, but perhaps will find him in Philadelphia to-morrow morning as he was to arrive there on the 13th. I saw Mr Stenerson a second time & he looked completely tired out. I suppose he was making the best of his time & trying to see all that he could.