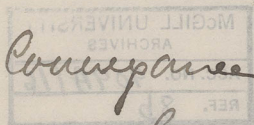


Stoneleigh, July 17th 1884

Dearest Anna

The loss of my ^{thing} have
come & now our lost letter, which
perhaps might not be altogether
a sad event, but for the hurried
work before us of being marked out
at by the great gathering. But I must
not moralize. Time is precious. I have
been driving & walking all day & am
in the middle of dressing for afternoon
tea & Tennis. I sit in my slip-wait
to write about one or two things
with the hope that we shall
have the chance of pouring out
of our fulness an avalanche of talk

after the arrival of neph. Thomas,
 wish I feel like abusing papa
 for changing all our carefully
 laid plans, all because of Prof.
 Bammy's going out earlier to see
 something of the geology of Canada?
 The idea of going to Intis from
 Saturday to Monday? Well, well I
 believe he has got so used to pouring
 out money that he cannot stop.
 but you & Bernard are not going
 to follow suit, we can land at
 Rimouski quite well by ourselves
 & find our way to Intis too, if
 we do not become inebriate before
 landing. Please do not think of
 going to meet us — it may be we
~~shall arrive during the night~~
~~if he has not likely I shall~~ ~~shoulder~~
 all the responsibility of giving decided
 orders. We are sure to be able



to get some kind of Correspondence
 at this station altho' we may be
 out of regular hours. We intend
 to have all our trunks at the station
 except two. I suppose they will be
 quite safe there. We shall require
 only two single beds in rooms at
 the hotel if papa persists in holding
 to his present purpose. My chief
 reason for persuading papa to meet
 us at Rimouski was to get him
 away from Montreal & to wait
 before the m^y° came on. We did
 not feel afraid to land alone, so
 join the good, as dear old Carpi
 says, & do as I say. I please the Bernard
 that it is unreasonable nonsense

to come to help such return travellers
as you & J.

Be warned also that we cannot
bring any of our treasures to Mexico.
This also to the children. I have
got two 2's dolls to give them because
in the scrimage my little presents
have been packed in the trunk that
went with papa. but I must
stop & feel the most unsatisfactory
to do so because I thought I had
some important things to tell
you & they have all escaped me
with much love from Eva
& mine from my self. I am
as ever your affectionate
mother