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Dear Anna

but time is up the
part has much to do
with the
I am
one of
your
mother

We are enjoying
a sort of Paradoxical kind
of rest here in a beautiful well
arched house surrounded by
quiet water. Every sloping
hill covered with cultivation
& hedges & clumps of trees - a small
stream divides the highly finished
gardens, lawns & tennis courts
from the pastures & more distant
fields. At one side, only separated
by the carriage drive & flower borders,
are the Conservatories built against

The old Castle which dates from
 the 11th Century, was originally
 three stories in height, but had
 been pulled down ¹²two stories before
 Mr. Scute came into possession
 when he finished it with a tower
 & battlemented way at about the
 height of fifty or sixty feet, & as you
 know has the dining hall every
 Sabbath for a service for the people
 in the neighbourhood who often,
 & some always, are unable to go the
 four miles to Church. The morn-
 ings are spent in work or reading
 at 12.30. We take a long walk
 returning to dinner at 2. Afternoon
 tea usually about 4 & supper at 7.

there are outside friends at tea
 in addition to the large Company
 we form daily. On Saturday we
 had a delightful picnic to Lar-
 Lair - a rugged, wild piece of
 Coast with high rocks like those
 at Gaspe, cut into arches & deep
 gullies that make one shudder
 when one connects them with
 ships on stormy seas. For the
 most part it has been very cold
 but Saturday last was a perfect
 day & we enjoyed the excursion
 most fully. But we cannot re-
 main here always & by next week
 we must decide where next.
 Mrs. Kate has promised a visit

to friends in Rassau by 1st
 July & has hinted that she can
 put off an earlier engagement if
 we can stay longer, but that I
 could not think of. She will
 leave on Monday first. But
 Edith Rudolf remains as her second
 youngest brother has not yet
 or the Cornat return yet. Papa
 left us here last Monday as he
 had some business in Edin: & will
 in due part. Tomorrow he begins
 his homeward way again but probably
 you will have left before he can
 reach the other side. I am sure
 it will be a mutual disappointment
 he is anxious not only about the

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B. St. meeting, but to see the Professor
before they leave town. I feel com-
fortable about all arrangements
for the opening of next session,
so it is not only his leave that prevents
his going first to see you about
other matters. He still hopes to
meet us at Remuski's on
with us to Intis, I remember that
we shall never entertain the
thought of invading your small
Cottage — the hotel is quite nice
& we shall I trust be constantly
with you. As to our treasures I
have instructed Japer not to open
more of the trunks we have entrusted
to him than is necessary to
give Glance some of her things.

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it is one plan — not to inspect
beyond some things we have got
for the house & table, to embellish
them for the death occasion, &
this to give you as much as possible
of the pleasure of seeing our purchases
in all their novelty & freshness. I think
it will be a great comfort to have
Chambers. I hope he undertakes
that he is to act private butler &
keep silver clean & — but it is still
desirable to have a really well trained
table & housemaid who with Miss
Wells will be enough for the week, so
that I need perhaps wait for the Mc
Cormick girl. Catherine tells me
that she was such a good washer
& ironer that I am rather anxious
to secure her if she is quite willing
to come.

I hope that Helen won't give
 you the slip. He is such an
 uncheerful mortal. I am full
 of regret to have to give you so
 much trouble. I know all too well
 how hardly you own affairs
 press upon you & I am sorely grieved
 that this sh^d be a doubt on your
 mind as to shutting up & keeping
shut up your town house. I have
 asked papa to use what influence
 he can with B. you astonish us
 by saying that Armstrong is expect-
 ed in Canada. He has given papa
 no end of trouble in corresponding
 about his affairs but not a hint
 about going to Montreal. We have
 consented to spend a night with

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them at Passmore they were so passing
the others will cost a great deal
as we have to spend half a day at
Kuswick & altogether two nights more
on the road to Liverpool, besides the
night with them. But I must not
linger over such things while
I have got to tell you that Rankine
has at last got an appointment on
the "Thames" going to China! Papa has
telegraphed this to me from Liverpool &
I have no details the sails on the
25th. I am bound to accept this as the
best thing in his circumstances & mood
& have been praying & longing for
a day to open that way for his
occupation, but now the news falls
upon an unprepared heart that
feels sad as if the last parting had
have come