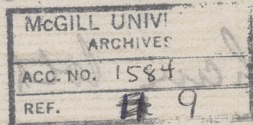


Iowie Barclay.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 84.



My dear Anna,

Now that we are in the country we should have plenty of time for writing but so far it has been too pleasant to do much hard work. The weather here is still chilly but delightful for walks & so far we have had bright sunshine. Mr. Scott is longing for rain for the country is very dry. The tennis lawn is the great centre of attraction now & we play almost every day. Mr. Vereb is a very good player & so he takes me for his partner as I am a poor shot &

Edith & Minnie take the other  
side. It is very pleasant for me  
to have both Edith & Minnie here  
Minnie does not look any older or  
changed in any way since we  
saw her at Metis. She really looks  
unusually young because I  
learned to my surprise that she  
is now 29. Most people look  
middle aged when they reach  
this figure. Mr. Verel is really a  
very nice man & they seem quite  
devoted to each other. He is tall, &  
dark, with well cut features.  
He is a great bicyclist & fond of  
fishing & when at home plays on

flute moderately well - So you see  
he is a man of some resources - The  
baby is quite the centre of attraction  
here & is a nice small child - I think  
she is 14 months & is just learning to  
walk. She is a well brought <sup>up</sup> baby  
who has never been allowed to  
creep - She is very like Minnie but  
has a decidedly "tip-tilted" nose.

We have been reading the life of  
Emily Keronté & find it a most  
tragic story - Her mother died when  
they were all infants & their father  
paid no attention to them & was a  
very selfish old stick - There were five  
girls & one boy - Two of the girls died from  
ill treatment & bad food at school & the

brother turned out a drunkard &  
opium eater. We have also been  
reading Emily's book "Worthing Heights"  
& find it filled with the same  
sad events as those that happened  
in her life. I have read so few  
books since I left home that I quite  
enjoy having time for reading here.

We still intend to sail on the 24<sup>th</sup>.  
We would just as soon spend a little  
while at Metis & the steamers are  
so full that we probably will not get  
good cabins. Besides the Moncrieffs  
& Vic Campbell are to be on board.  
Mr. Bonney we hear is all going by the  
same ship. He is rather a tiresome  
man to talk with & I fear is to  
argumentative to be a pleasant companion.

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at sea where one cares only to be lazy  
 & talk small talk. But he will know  
 all the English men worth knowing  
 if their should happen to be any &  
 may be useful in introducing them  
 to us. He is one of six brothers, all  
 over 30 yrs & none of them with a  
 better half. There is one sister, but you  
 pity her? From what I have seen  
 of British Scientists I do not think  
 that they are so entertaining &  
human as the American. The  
 idea of sending me flowers or any  
 such pleasing politeness would I am  
 sure never enter their well-stored  
 minds. However we will see. I  
 wish you'd arrange to be in town. We  
 could take you into our house easily if you  
 come without a tail of several children!  
 Papa says he cannot stop at Metis or the

has arrangements with people in  
town & must them directly he lands  
but he will come back to Metis either  
when we are expected to arrive or  
before if he has time.

But the letters must go now so I  
must close.

With love to all the children  
& to yourself from Eva.

P. S. Mother received a nice long letter  
fr. Corry for which please thank her -  
we think of staying here with the  
19<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> June & then may spend  
a week with Ella at Barrett  
Island