

Wire at college
gas paper

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Dear Anna,

I was prevented from getting off my usual letter last evening by Aunt Florence being here. She came in to tea and remained until it was too late for me to write. She was anxious to tell me about the difficulties and differences they have had with the father & it was really to try and settle them that she came to Montreal. The old fellow has, however, treated his family in a disgraceful way and I do not see that he deserves any consideration unless on the ground of being a lunatic. After hearing what Florence told me I certainly do not feel that I should call upon him. Florence returned to Utica this morning. I am glad to hear that Indiana

is to be back at Sarum² and
am very anxious to know what
he says about E. My own
impression is that he will
say to bring him home, and
if so then we must make the
very best arrangements we
can for his comfort here,
giving him our room as the
largest and best one we have.

Both Judge and Rankine
have written to your mother
urging very strongly that we
should not bring E among the
other children on account of
the great risk to ~~the~~ them; but
so far as I can see we shall
have to disregard their advice
however kindly it may be meant.

Your father thinks that Clare
(and possibly Ruth also) should
be sent to Trafalgar as boarders^a
so as to make more room in
our house and have one or both
of them away. He is very keen
about this and anxious to depay

the corn within ³Clare could
get as much fresh air and
exercise there as she would
at home is probably doubtful,
and I do not suppose she would
be allowed to skate at the
rink. By the by they are
getting up a rink on the
College grounds and there is
a possibility of hours being
arranged for the children
of professors, but no final plans
have been made yet.

Mrs Carpenter is not very
well and has had Roddick
to see her. I think the excitement
connected with the sale of
her collection of shells was
too much for it. It is to go to
Chicago and the price paid (or
rather to be paid) is only \$550.
Your father would have accepted
the offer, but I think that
if she had declined more
would really have been given.
She insists that as soon as

She gets the money she is going to hand over \$200 to you to help pay expenses in connection with Eric's illness.

Lois is still sleeping downstairs and is really better than. Our room is large and airy and I always have the window a little open. She kicks off the clothes too, badly, and upstairs would be likely to remain uncovered most of the night. Besides I have not done anything about the beds yet. For a time you so deluged me with instructions that it was positively bewildering. I hope, however, to get something done about the beds shortly; but it is hard to get everything done and I do not think I have been to town more than once or twice since you were here.

There was tremendous excitement at the college this morning. A gas pipe in the wall of the lobby, just below

the clock, burst and ~~the~~
~~for~~ William thought that
 there was a leak at the
 bracket and tried to find
 it by means of match. The
 gas caught fire and was
 burning inside of the plastic.
 Somebody sounded an alarm
 and ruls, Chemical engine,
 ladders & I know not what
 appeared on the scene in about
 three minutes. The firemen
 were no doubt disgusted at
 finding that there was nothing
 for them to do, but the students
 gave them three good cheers
 which apparently pleased them.

Conrad's report for November
 has arrived and is a decided
 improvement upon October's.

He gets low marks for reading & spelling, but really does not spell badly at all.

Lanna has dropped down upon us this evening. She wrote to me about a week ago that she was coming to town soon and I told her that we would try to make her comfortable if she came to us, but had no idea that she was coming to-day.

My lectures stop on the 14th and then if it seems best I can go to Saranac for a day or two. Meantime, however, you will have seen Trudeau and learned what he thinks as to the

advisability of his remaining
in at Saranac or not.

Flet says that his sister
knows Hewitson very well
and that he is a fine fellow.
Flet was surprised to hear
of his being at Saranac.

This has been rather a "down
day" with me but I expect to
be all right to-morrow if
I sleep. I generally do now,
but did not last night.

I am so delighted to hear
that you are feeling better and
getting fatter. You were too thin
in the summer.

With love for yourself and
Eric ever your friend
Bernard

