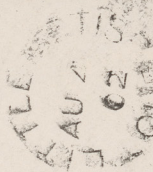


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Little Metis. August 4<sup>th</sup> 1902

My dearest Anne

I take as granted that your own family keep you informed about the little incidents & doings of our surroundings of which I hear & creep away. My own household occupies me sufficiently. & the few past days have been filled with anxiety, as a sudden & unexpected offer from a Mr. Stanton Brown (whose wife was a Miss Watson, whose mother built the house, (I occupied for a short time after his arrival) & kept school in it), to rent 17. & 1/2 his house for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

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was received on Thursday last -  
& threw P. into one of his worst  
attacks of fretting & despair. They  
had wanted to rent the house & now  
that an opportunity was imminent  
it brangled up, with the vicissitudes  
& horrors of a nightmare, where were  
they to go - what was he to do. He hates  
the thought of returning to London, having  
a character of failure here & having to  
proclaim it himself there. It is indeed  
as well a position as well can be for  
one of his temperament, without help  
in the present or for the future. Does  
G. do not any does his best but suffers  
& coaxes above the power of most  
others. After much deliberation it was  
felt to be necessary that P. should go to  
town to have an interview with Mr. B.

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as besides rushing the house he may  
take some of the pictures. So he left  
yesterday P. M. still in the throes of  
indecision but somewhat calmer,  
& we wait the issue tremblingly. He  
proposes to return at end of this  
week. But he rent the house. G's will  
have immediately to return to super-  
intend packing & other preparations.  
pa — Paet alone knows pa what!  
I have opposed them the use of 293. to  
give longer time pa picture plans.  
& had remain here as long as weather  
permitted. I then willingly go off to  
some other place for a month if  
it seem desirable pa them. I have  
told you perhaps too fully of the present  
crisis as I know it will make you <sup>sad</sup> <sub>in</sub>  
but as it possibly may lead to some  
definite change & my heart is so

full of surmising & risk you  
 sharing them, no even if you were  
 here it wd. make no difference.  
 R. must suffer till he finds rest in Christ  
 & surely that will be given. G. takes  
 kindly to Clarence & that comforts me, &  
 Cristell? & Mary are apter together  
 than last summer. A. too has 2 good  
 servants & therefore is more Companionable.  
 We all hope that you will prolong  
 yr stay as the time seems to be spent  
 spent pleasantly & to a great profit in  
 many ways. Have I told you that Mrs  
 Sturges intends to leave me & spend  
 the winter with her child. E. tells me  
 that Mrs Cooper thinks yr walk in town  
 will be too heavy for her & that she considers  
 my horse too far from home as she  
 will have to take the cars every time she went  
 home, but I have made no advances

was injury in any direction  
all seems at present so unsettled  
that I am quite unconcerned  
about service. Mr. Sicut returned  
here Friday having landed fr. the  
Parisian at Pimonski. He told  
that he arranged to have time at  
disposal to go to see Eva & join &  
unexpected business used it up.  
He was in England on a law case  
& has been quite busy besides he did  
not succeed as he hoped. Mrs. Sicut  
& he go to town today to allow Mrs.  
Bailey her turn here for the month  
of August. Mrs. Pefferke keeps marvellously  
well yet Constant vigilance is neces-  
sary. Hon. G. Drummond has been attend-  
ing all the London functions in Court

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in Court dress & has while waiting  
his turn for alighting from his carriage  
twice been mistaken for Lord Roberts  
& cheered vociferously by the surrounding  
crowd. I did not hear of Mrs. D. but  
doubtless she accompanies him.

I have been urging Bernard to  
as everything goes so well in the  
family to take a prolonged holiday  
& go ahead enjoy a marvelous travel  
with you & return together. I was  
quite serious in pressing this because  
after a severe neuralgic attack he  
looked miserable but he is appar-  
ently quite recovered & I went back  
to my suggestion but don't you hurry  
him. He has run.

With all kindest good wishes  
from  
Mother.

I have no chance to write this over