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LONDON:

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1906

Dearest Anna,

*after lunch*

I should have written again before this, but we have been kept very busy and when evening comes I am so sleepy that I cannot write letters. We spent several days at Rock Ferry, but to do so had to give up Henley. Still, we had a very pleasant visit with Hope & Eva and they seemed very glad to see us. It was nice too to see the children and note their progress. Sylvia & Grace are charming girls - so perfectly natural - and as for the latter she is funnier than ever. I wish you could have heard her mimic one of her teachers. Dawson is a nice little chap, but looks rather delicate & nervous.

The day before we left R. Ferry Eva accompanied us to Chertsey and Eaton Hall and Hope joined us later, in the afternoon. The old place is as quaint & interesting as ever but did not appeal greatly to B. G. who could not see why they should not pull down the old houses and substitute up-to-date buildings. I fear he has little respect for antiquity.

Thursday morning, July 5<sup>th</sup>, we came on to Oxford and were fortunate in finding Miss there. He invited us to dinner at Magdalen Colley and I was glad that Bernard should see the dignity & decorum which may accompany an ordinary meal. At the head of the table sat a portly parson said to be a great theological light. I sat beside him but he did not let his light shine. The following day we had a chat with Oster

in the museum, but did not see Mrs. O. They have given up their house for the present and she is in lodgings and he living in one of the collies. The Petersons had not arrived at Oxford when we left on Thursday evening. I hunted up fraternal's mother and the old lady seemed much gratified at my bringing her news of her boy "Dick".

We are having fine weather and have not put up an umbrella since we reached this side. The Indones complain of the great heat, but we are not suffering in the least though we have been fairly active. Saturday morning we went to the Canadian Office & registered our names. Strathena was not in but I left a card for him and "promised to call again". Just as we were coming out of the door we encountered Sir Sanford

Fleming. Later we met Eugene  
 Sapsin on the Strand and lunched  
 with him and Owens at the "Savoy".  
 At 7 o'clock we dined with  
 Owens and Sapsin at the Hotel  
 Cecil - which is very gayous -  
 and then Owens took us to the  
 theatre where we saw some  
 really first class acting. When  
 we got back to the Kingsley it  
 was just midnight and we felt  
 that we had done quite enough  
 for one day. I forgot to say that  
 the day included a call upon  
 the von Brauns, both of whom  
 were out. Yesterday morning (Sunday)  
 Mrs. von B. telephoned to our hotel  
 asking us to have tea with them in  
 the afternoon; which we did.

Of course we went over our Nor-  
 wegian experiences, or as much as  
 could be gone over in an hour,  
 and they showed us photographs  
 of their place in the north of Sweden

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You B. says that the feeling  
against Swedes is still so bitter  
in Norway that he cannot  
go there any more. Yesterday  
morning we went to the <sup>City</sup> Temple  
- the big Congregational Church  
near Holborn Viaduct and then  
went on to St Pauls where we  
arrived in time to hear part  
of the service. Then we lunched  
at a little Italian restaurant and  
returned to the Kingsley.

Rankine had called to look us  
up before we reached London  
and very kindly came again y-  
esterday. We were just going out  
and fortunately encountered him  
at the door and he invited  
on our going ~~there~~ to Sandowne  
Crescent for supper. Ego. is away

on a Norwegian Cruise with some of her relations, but she left behind her an able representative in Margaret who is a more fascinating child. She was waiting for us at the corner of the street and gave us a very hearty welcome. I do not wonder that Rankine is wrapped up in the child, for she is not only brilliant but most affectionate. After supper she climbed on to my knee, threw her arms about my neck and said, "I love you uncle, and I love my grand-mama." "Well," I said "that's the nicest thing that I have had said to me since I came to England."

Rankine is much stouter than when I last saw him, but is looking exceedingly well - nor is he in the least cast down on account of his election defeat.

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This morning we are going down to Cook's office to enquire about tours in Brittany where I think we are likely to go next week unless Cook has something more attractive to offer us. Then in the afternoon we mean to hunt up the Taylors, and I have just learned that we can go to Hampshire by a motor bus from the corner of our street. These motor buses are largely taking the place of the horse ones and are much faster, but very smelly and shaky.

Bernard is anxiously awaiting Owen's arrival and is particularly desirous to go with him to the Zoo. B. has been waiting for me for a long time, so I must not write more. I was very glad to hear from you

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letter and to hear that you  
were likely to get off to Mexico  
on the day expected. Now I  
am anxious to hear of your  
safe arrival there and also  
that your knee has ceased to  
trouble you. With a great deal  
of love for yourself Mrs. Motion  
and all the flock

Ever yours affectionately  
Bernard.

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