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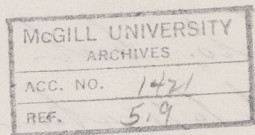
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Mother to Bernard -

Papa has been ill but
is recovering -

Grandpa coming to visit.

St Andrews June 11th 1871



My dear Dennis.

As you have only had a few words in mine papers for several days, I thought you would be glad to hear more particulars about Papa. Last night & the night before he had a good deal of natural sleep and his appetite is returning. He had before, for 6 days, only taken a spoonful of strong becteris now & then. He sat up this morn more than an hour in your easy chair - so you see we have reason to feel quite relieved, but can imagine that our hearts beat heavily a week ago. Dr Peter has been most attentive and vigilant and the telegraph made it so easy to get Dr Christie's advice promptly.

I thought the old system of giving
small doses of mercury till the
throat was affected was out of
date, but this remedy has help-
ed to weaken Papa. He says now
he will have a team, two horses
if need be - that it will be better
for us all. I hope he will carry out
the idea as he has over exerted him-
self by walking too far since the warm
weather came on. No doubt this at-
tack was brought on in this way.
We heard that Mel had returned
from New Haven & that you were
looking kind. Papa says to tell you not
to kill yourself and to write soon
how much money you will need, so
that he can improve some opportunity
of having it changed in Montreal.
I could not help feeling disappointed
about not having you at home
this summer - especially for the

sake of the girls - so that they could
have somebody besides Tom Dick
& Joe to go out with them. It is
certainly a most desirable trip for
you so far as change of air & the
invigorating sea breezes are concerned,
and the benefit of such company,
but no assertions of worth I imagine.
You ought to be getting some things ready
for you - Charlotte says there are
only 2 pins left in reserve - write
what you will need that we can pre-
pare. Poor Grandmother's death and
Papa's sickness have stopped Maria's
& Lessee's much sooner than I intended
and she will be going to visit Lillie
soon. Grandpa is coming Tuesday,
I wrote to him if Prof. Perry
still wanted to look for board up
from for his family and to go out
fishing with him, to bring him with
him. I would rather Grandpa

would have some company as Papa
cannot talk much. Uncle Eric
came a second time on his return
Home. He is looking so well and
so very kind and pleasant.

The other members of the family are
all well - Emma is in a great hur-
ry she says to see you. I have not
had so much headache lately, so
I can bear a good deal of anx-
iety & fatigue - much more than
Charlotte. - I was afraid I
would not have time to write to-
morrow morning and it seemed
a long time since I had written
to you so I write on Sunday P.M.

We cannot be too grateful for
Papa's recovery - and must never
forget to whom we are indebted
for this & so many other mercies.

With love from all, I am
Your very aff. Mother
L. Huntington.