

Metis

Sunday Jy. 30th 76

Dearest Bernard,

This really is a
Sun day, clear soft blue sky, warm
weather & a dark blue water
with white foam capping the
waves. We went to church this
morning, & I actually wore a
white dress, & was not cold.
It is a good way up to the church
as you know, & when we got
there, rather late (that then every
watch I clock in Metis is different
(how can one know the real time?)
we found the three front seats
wh. have backs were quite full,
& had to repose, or rather dispose
of ourselves on planks resting on
roughly squared blocks of wood

I am one amiably gave me a hymn
book & the two hymns were nice
but the sermon dreary. The text
was beautiful in Heb - about "these
all looking for the promises in
faith" when the man had fin-
ished the text was like a needle
in a hay-stack of fine words -
Why cant people be more polite
to the bible? If we go to see a
fine picture we want to see it
to look, & gaze, & learn, & love it.
If any one standing near it with
wise words point out its beauties
& show us more of its beauty
than we, unaided perceive,
we w^d be grateful; but for one
to insist on standing right before
the picture, & thus hiding it
from us, & then discourse on his
ideas concerning it - I think we
w^d make a freely use to his remarks

And ^{that} is just - my idea about the
^{way they treat the} Bible - Its words are life & health
& sweetness, I use want it, not use-
less words - Am I ungrateful,
dear? One longs so for more &
more of those living words, & the
Lord never sends us empty away
as man does sometimes - After
dinner I had a nice quiet hour
& was reading over all the
promises made to the faithful
Jews, one place it gives thanks
than who follow & obey the Covenant
Angel, & He was our Lord Jesus
surely the same promises are
meant for us, & yet we do not
even imagine we may claim them
It is a point I am not quite clear
about, & yet to me the honour of
God seems closely connected with
the temporal blessings bestowed on
his faithful ones - It is such a wit.

ness to "the world" that the Lord
is with them.

Then I had a little sleep &
afterwards sat on the gallery &
read Mr. Smith, who was very
dry today, but still I must you
& find out all I can about that
subject.

Mrs Carpenter has come to tea
& afterwards we shall read -
Last night we were out in the
boat till quite late, & it was
very lovely. - Tomorrow I am
hoping for a letter from you
my dearest! wh. will I hope be
an answer to the first of mine
It takes so very long to speak &
hear the answer, at this dis-
tance. If you are away much
longer, you may return to find me
wrinkled & grey-haired, they say time
has an effect - as it is felt to be long or
short; & I feel as if years were passing