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Metis -
July 22^d

My dearest - Bernard -

My letters to
you seem always a
promise of future good, never
fulfilled & much
like a great deal of my
life with & my love for
you - Only in part do
I succeed in being to you
what I wd be in all
ways, if my wishes found
a true interpreter in
my works -

Papa seems deter-
mined to go up on Sunday
wh. we consider a most
unfortunate idea, & he
talks of returning in August
for a further few days.
Also he seems to think
you are coming down

as soon as he returns
I will not build on
that though, till I hear
from you. - If you should
I want - streaks of light
a green hook in my shelves
in the bedroom, & we
you not-like your
bathing gear (it is in
the large chest in the
attic, the key on my
bench - also a couple
of crochet needles and
of my work table drawer
one more small, I forgot
steel one ^{if you could, I will give}
^{to you if you wish}
^{to give to you}
^{to give to you}
^{to give to you}
papers forgot - the flowers,
leaving them in the car.
I never saw him snare
apparently shattered then
when he came down, he
looks already a little
revised, but three days
are of small avail to counter
the effects of the past months
of toil.

I cannot help thinking
Mary's idea about the
mattress is nonsense but
why she could not put it
under the straw bed
instead of taking the mattress
one I don't see. She slept
on a straw bed here all
last summer, with no
mattress, & that is what
Eric & Edette both have here.
You certainly have
begun to entertain already
& I hope it lessens for
you the loneliness.

Mr. Seque & another
young cleric - had a repair
for the children on the
shore, & it went off very well.
I took Eric & Edette, who
behaved creditably, & Edette
seemed to have caught a
gleam of the meaning. Eric
has not yet registered his
impressions, or told them to
me - - He daily finds
boats on the shore, & has

quite a fleet of chiefs &
haard craft; & whittles
away at snarts, etc with
wonderful perseverance
I left his own knife in
one of my little drawers
in the large chest-drawer
& mine is so blunt as to
secure him from much
danger, I let him in for
almost-repentant effort

Mrs Wilson is here, she
says for a week, I hope it
may prove to be so, for
various reasons - Ephie
Labatt tells me she daily
expects her addition, & seems
to be far from well. I see
evidence of daily increase
that is remarkable. & the
little creature begins to
assert its right - to exercise
It seems to me rather too
early for that. but - I have
not my notes here to cal-
culate & from former experience
perhaps it is something in
general, prepare to see a grand
heronage when you come.

Clare advances wonder-
fully. It is evidently
going to be no cipher.
Every one, however still
admires Edith, who has
been so good & sweet
lately. You need not
seducy your memory
is fading from their little
minds, Edith & Eric talk
of you constantly. Clare
seems quite satisfied to
declare you "gone". She
adopted papa at once into
her good graces, & he seem
much pleased with her
& has made anchors & hoists
for Eric to his great delight
& enlightenment. Helene
I shall have to take to
naval studies I find my-
self awfully ignorant of
ship-building -
Janis & I are bent
on sketching & I must
discuss the Bic question
today, we might go up with

rain, I return when we
chase - or if I thought
there was a chance of
your joining in the
expectation of course I will
wait -

Rain seems likely
to fall today - so we
may have a wet "spell"
to get through as we
may best -

With all love -
your Anne