

Little Italy

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Dearest B—,

I have to make the most of minutes this time as I have left writing till the Friday I received with joy your letter from London - you seem to have met just the kind of people who wd make your stay pleasant, I am glad that you are reaping some benefit from your own acts of kindness during the W. O. all the pleasanter to receive because you did not render them with any thought of repayment - I have also extracted all the information I cd get of your few lines about Nina - I hope to hear all particulars of her later - How odd your meeting Sophie in the street - I am pleasing myself by believing that you did go to Paris with her, she wd be such pleasant-company, our English party enjoy foreign sights so much more than one lone lone individual.

My dear you must not let your

travels in a fatigue to you, there  
is no necessity for you seeing  
everything, or wearing yourself out.  
Do resolutely refuse to let yourself  
be dragged by a sense of "needs  
must" to every celebrated spot or  
interesting sight - Don't look at  
anything you don't want to, & do  
stop when you feel tired. My idea  
of enjoying Paris is to sit in the  
restaurants & see the people within  
in & without - & I have no doubt  
the life of other towns wd interest  
me more than the sights.

Mr Boney is here, & the whole settle-  
ment feels his arrival, he is in  
every corner & affair - I say he shd  
be appointed Mayor - Mr Fleet is  
also down - & Mrs J. J. Midpath - the  
hotel has still only some 8 or 10  
occupants, so we are very tranquil  
the place is really much pleasanter  
than when crowded. We had  
today the first afternoon reading  
on Mother's new gallery - Parkman's  
Wolfe & Montcalm the book - It is  
to be at 4 of 7 & we were refreshed  
with tea & cake at the close, it will  
enable me to do a little sewing, of  
wh. there is much need - Nearly every  
day I spend most of my spare time  
in repairing damaged cloths to some good

ment - being older the children  
outgrow more - Eric & Clifford R.  
have been much together he seems  
a nice boy, gentle & full of thought  
much more to Eric's taste than those  
of regular grain -

Wozai "creepoles" (as Ruth says)  
now, with excellent result, going  
across a room in no time, & putting  
himself on his knees or even getting  
on his feet if he gets a good help  
part - he is extremely active, & very  
pleasant, though like all the others  
he begins to be restless at nights, &  
wakes up at unseasonably hours, & very  
often before I get him finally settled  
last night - wh. accounts for my  
sleepy condition - Clara too complains  
of her tooth lately, for it might be  
ually, her face has been swelled some  
little thing, but I ~~do~~ hope that  
will soon be over -

The weather is somewhat  
better now, & we all jog on much  
as usual, I am busy all the  
time, very busy - what with the  
lessons & garden, & nursing baby &  
bathing, & the care of all plans &  
arrangements. I have to look sharp  
to keep up with it all, but the  
comfort here is that one can manage,  
while at home one tries to, & cannot

I find that young Langford  
Kamsey have lessons as well  
as Eric I wish I cd have them  
all together, I wd best for baby  
whom I often have to nurse  
while Eric is reading or writing  
& that wd scarcely do with out-  
siders - Am I to continue to  
address letters to the Canadian  
Agency for the whole summer?

By the way I sent a dollar lately  
to Raymond to pay for the binding  
of the Mining report, & he tells me  
you have not paid your subscrip-  
tion of \$10.00 but will leave the  
matter over till fall as you are  
away - I thought you said you  
had paid that before you left I  
hope it has not miscarried please  
let me know as I do not care to  
send it if you have already done so.

The Wilsons sail for England  
this week - We are so sorry that  
you seem to think you will not  
see Hankins - Mother had a letter  
from G - from Victoria - his photos  
are splendid

I must close Clara  
crying again with that wretched  
throat - I don't know what to do  
about it - Lovingly Anne