

Little Metis  
Jy. 10<sup>th</sup> 1888

Dearest-Love,

I hope that all  
has prospered with you  
& that I shall soon hear  
from you. I know a little  
more definitely what lies  
before you & as for us we  
go on much as usual &  
I hope will not have any  
thing very out-of-the-way  
to report, as safety lies in  
the ordinary lines - The  
only disturbing element at  
present - is the increase of  
my practice - you had barely  
gone before a strange lady  
came down just-haste to  
ask me to go & attend to  
Mrs Cockburn's sick baby - I  
found her in a terrible way

over this child, who had a  
severe diarrhoea attack -

I have been twice yesterday  
& twice today to see to it - I am  
glad it - is better - for other  
people's children are so often  
differently constructed from  
one's own that it - is risky to  
interfere too much with them

Flarena is very distressed  
with toothache - & I have  
prescribed for her, hitherto in  
vain - but I hope a hyp-  
pocistice will soothe tonight

Mrs Lepage has taken an  
unexpected turn for the better  
& is now able to lie down  
a little in certain positions  
which is a great mercy - I  
suppose I sh<sup>d</sup> be thankful  
to do what I can for any-  
one - but - my mind & energy  
is not equal to looking after  
other people's affairs & my own  
to advantage - & I hope that  
no more people will be taken  
bad" till there is a proper

autonomy at hand - paper & numbers present  
obscuring in reach of firms notion of both Edits  
of Rutt with her - I remembered to see a  
letter from Laura yesterday, I will let her know  
when to write to you, as I hear  
from you - before Gordon was not any  
special trouble or hindrance to you. It  
that you found business matters in line  
which you reached town.

I see that Mrs. Frank Keppath has  
achieved a 3<sup>d</sup> letter son - I hear it will be  
rather a strong sentiment to them - Mrs. that  
young hopeful is going to be his paper over  
I shall say of the 3<sup>d</sup> letter girl, is not in  
like Miss's sheet - It is something to find a  
powerful enough to overcome so powerful a  
as the Keppath me  
with some from me  
Anna

The mattress arrived  
last night--