

To
Arlington Hotel
Washington

Wallace
Dec 24th /90

Dearest Bernard,

Received this A. M.
your N. mas letter from Phil
adelphia, we also got your
thoughtful telegram just while
we were all sitting round
the dinner table - I have
not had a moment - since
till you of the day - wh. went
off much as usual, the
children getting a great many
things, besides as well as
playful - The little girls got
slippers & umbrellas - besides
a very handsome breast & coat
& glass for Clare - books dolls
carriage - games blocks etc.
Gary had a remarkable new
game for the evening & he &
Mary Elliott & the children
were very merry over it - in the
hall - I took down the Yale
side & graphic wh. - Kaufman had
sent - & the elders looked at them

It was rather a hustle getting
Eric off, the next morning, but
it was accomplished & he has
gone quite respectable in the
matter of clothes & toilet etc.
& arrived with a pair of
Franklin's skates - which seemed
in good order & not too antique
& I shall be very glad if
he learns that art with Gordon's
help, as I have been rather
embarrassed that he was so ig-
norant of it - while a nation
of 20 - Wm - kindly volunteered
to go & see him off - he got his
ticket for \$10.50 - & the Express
were to meet him at the Union
Station - I can scarcely expect to
hear from him till Monday
I suppose - George leaves today
for Washington & has telegraphed
to you to that effect. He is going
to some hotel where special
arrangements of \$3.00 a day have
been made for those going
to the meetings - the Burlington
is, he says, the swell & costly
hotel, & sure to be full of politi-
cians at this season -

We have had very severe
weather, & today a continuous
snow fall - & a great deal

has fallen -

I hope the colds are going - but the young children still cough. I have not dared to let Louis out - night - most, into a lunette or No. 1 was okay - also my small brogue has almost recovered, but she had fever as usual & since Monday I if - seem she had fever & some chills & cough who had fever but a few days over the being the way not be the case & she may be ill, but I produced me to think of such a possibility - I have not had a minute to go & see after her. I really do not seem a mother of the command - the department on, for she will do well in most - ways - We continue to work from irregularity, I do not see much progress but I think the improvement will be complete - since has not gone & very harmless covering people I talk & sleep very well. I am glad to think it is understood & agrees in application & what you have done for her

It was my rectory & lived over the
priests' study so well. I have no doubt
that there is a far better chance in the U.S.
than with us, also that the manufacturing
line is the money-making one - money is cer-
tainly good, & it'd - come in our path I hope we
that have the press given us to see it - well &
wield - but don't every discouragement, the
richness & great of humanity is so great
as that with encouragement they might grow
apace - I am not sure that it is not better
to live with the tailors than to live directly
with the wealthy - cannot be directly
or even right, unless pressed by necessity &
always living in such pressure, & weavers
that it takes an almost-superhuman effort to
be liberal as ^{some} natural, - & as far as they enter
learning, or profitable, or a standard to them as
no - it is impossible -

Perhaps you & Geo. will return
together, unless you still
try for Cornell - you
will quite despise our
smallness when you return
both as to Cally & home I
am afraid - however you
will perhaps be able to
give us some of the clever
Yankee notions, that help
our neighbors over the tin-
to sail on the top of diffi-
culties that would submerge
us - I will try to write to
Laura & a few other needles
letters, if possible - Eva sent
quite a supply of presents of
various kinds - a very funny
little match case for a doll
& a rather pretty photo of herself
in her wedding gown
Eric is supposed to come home
on Monday or Tuesday 5th or 6th
Geo. proposed his staying over
day in Ottawa but I haven't
not had a chance to speak to him
abt. it - All come from the children
they received the cards - I put them

on their plates at dinner
& they were charmed -
Was Mrs Berkeley
never got to the South, but
staid at - Philadelphia, & was
buried here today -

affectionately &
lovingly Anne -