

These pages a
little mixed -
but I have put
them together
as well as
possible.

Dear Bernard, I had to let the 1st half of the letter go
very long since we left home ^{June 1900}
You will find Clara looking
better I hope - she gets a great
deal more exercise here in
little bits - but she simply
rested the first week, & now
she is over her bad days, & it
remains to be seen if she can
continue better, or relapse
into the old condition, ^{the night before} last
night - she was threatened
with the nervous attack
& got up & wandered about
looking for biscuits & water
to try & ward it off - & last
night - she was evidently afraid
of it - & wanted me to administer
a spoonful of brandy in case
but she went to sleep - I did
not get that - sat volatile, but
hoped the sea-air would prove
all that was needed - She
now wants to bathe, & I was
not, but suppose she will
try under favourable cir-
cumstances, & see how it goes -
The point is all right now

but it has been too rough to
use it much: that wd be very
nice for Clare, & I hope Cor does
be kind about helping up &
down with it, for Clare can
not do this. & B. G. is rarely at
hand, he really has taken
pains with various things
he is to take charge of the fire
& wood & kindling; & dug a
splendid hole for us last
week - besides cutting several
trees & repairing in the garden
we have had no need to water
lately & the peas & beans are
fine - the sunflower
threatens to occupy too much
room - & the pretty pink rose
flowers like Mrs M. are doing
well - Most curiously a white
lily has bloomed among
the little shoots of the lily
tree, whether from an old
root, or a variety spontaneously
produced I do not know -
the one you sent is thriving
no word yet from Frank
I suppose he must be with you
now as he has not come here

don't forget Sarah Coffin's
ticket - I will write to her
this week. I will be glad
when she comes. though we
got on very well. Juliet
& Elizabeth & the younger
children have gone ferning.
I do not know what the
result will be, but it
amuses in any case.

Voffie is very ambitious
to advance - we found him
skimming round a scaffold
of Cecil's yesterday. He is
anxious to make a hut for
himself in the woods. I am
trying to keep track of his
pocket knife which is a
small affair. He is as usual
full of snis-chief. loses bolts
& hammers beats into
railings & such like, but he
improves on the whole, I seem
quite to like his lessons
with Lois.

Helen apparently cannot
yet read. he said he wd have

learned all that only he
had to leave school before it
was finished, he left 15th &
it closed 19th - his good at-
tences as some other children.

Florence looks fairly well
& the same one also, though
both will have more colour
in a short time.

Tell Corraal - I long for
a word from him, I had
hoped that after writing so
many letters this winter, he
w^d not find it so much of
a task - I consider it the
first law of kindness not
to let absence be like a
thick wall of darkness be-
tween members of a family
I half hoped that he w^d have
come down on Friday, but if
he is helping you that is better
we are hoping to hear tonight
of Ruth's arrival up - & with her
all happiness in her finishing
the year of faithful honourable
enrollment she has been most

satisfactory, & certainly has not
wasted anything spent on her
but taken full advantage.

I hope the future will be
equally satisfactory - You will
not fail to bring a catalogue of
the Ladies' Victoria College for
we shall have to look into the
classes & hours of it. Will
Miss McLean be a great loss?
What salaries do the ladies
get there, or do you know?
Being resident we make some
difference I suppose -

If you come Friday
I may not write more than
a line. It is so difficult to
get any time. Letters take
so long to come & go - I hear
that they come by Express here
all winter, & now from Quebec
by an Accommodation train
which is supposed to reach here

at 6.30 - It is delivered to us
fr 8.30 to 9.0 - does it not
seem curious -

Victor & heven are to arrive
tomorrow by that train -
accompanying them so far

Do be careful of
yourself dear & don't come
in doing work down here -
but take a real holiday &
see to the boys as much as
you can - Bernard we be
glad to wander all over the
country with you, I think he
is pressing some flowers, &
has done it very well - He
was evidently charmed with
what Courcel did - he must
have got excellent marks for
that at all events -

With love to all,

Anna