

Dear - love report
I hope you will get
word to how they
appear to be.
Sincerely, I am
with love
Bernard.

Little Notes
July 15th 1903

It seems a long
time since I wrote, & ages since
you left - & the long absence began.
Florence had a charming letter
from Victor last-Sunday, well
expressed, & showing good health
all about him, he was fortu-
nate in not being sick on such
a rough first passage. How
w^d it be for you to write letters
instead of a diary? it gives so
much pleasure, & I w^d keep them
for him. We wrote twice last-
week, but did not try the reg-
mail this week, as it was less
likely to reach you in short time.
We have quite left the friends
behind, & hope there will be no
recurrence, another day or two

will bring it - to the extreme
limit of possibility. I intend to
go & see several people this P. M.
if I can manage it - The Caius
have a housefull of visitors among
others Dr. Bennett, they celebrated
a birthday, by fireworks on the
shore three fine fire-balloons
going up into a calm air, &
rising till they disappeared be-
hind some high fleecy clouds.
B. G. was among the invited
guests. I saw to great advantage
my rifle, & then went to the
house for refreshments. Mrs. L.
insisted upon going to the shore
& much enjoyed the whole sight
had also been for a long drive
in the afternoon, & whether she
did too much, or a sudden cold
change upset her, I don't know
but she was in bed all day
yesterday with her old diarrhoea
but it was a cold shivery
day, & it gave her a good rest.

now she is recovered but with
a mind to be extra prudent
Clare, myself & one or two of the
others had a wedding party
& got the garden into better
train, also removed out the
Shirley poppies which were in a
few thick clumps, & the rest of
the bed bare, evergreen is saved
shockingly, & very sparingly. Will
put in fresh radishes, & also
sowed some more lettuce & I
hope we will have good results
without all we have had our
radishes, but a few more days
will enable us to pick some
salad.

Mother is talking of selling her
carriage to Tucky. I really don't
wonder as well - she is probably
get more use of it - than she does
now. Do you remember what
George paid for it? Mr Tucky
suggested giving her \$20.00 for
it. I was surprised at his
offering so much for it is pretty

shabby - it is indeed
Mrs Elmer has had quite
a hard fast - began with a
carn, & was pursued with it
so hard, that Dr Forbes has been
treating it. She shrieked tre-
mendously when he applied a
knife, & with her for a patient
& Elizabeth as a nurse, there is a
great bit of fish - Mother
also insisted upon superintend-
ing the whole affair, & lastly
has retired to bed in consequence
she thought it not be crying, so
ht. Clear see to it - with Dr Forbes

Helena is lovely in the house &
we all get on beautifully together
Mrs M. says to her grace she is
well & enjoying herself splendidly
she has just heard of Belle Dixons
engagement she is the child of the
second wife -
you remember hearing that
Sarah Grier & her sister Grace were
to England to visit the family

of her intended with the circum-
 result has been that Grace has
 engaged herself to a younger
 brother of Sarah's lover & both
 are to be married at the same
 time. Clare wanted to know
 if there was not a third brother
 far Miss Grier? I believe there is
 a third brother still unmarried.

The Blakes are very happy in
 their summer cottage. I was in
 it yesterday for the first time
 & it looks very pleasant & quite
 different from what it did under
 the Boney regime.

Only one oriental poppy has
 remained. so we must fix our
 hopes on the rose & struggling
 Shiraz. This is not at all
 crowded yet. the Artie's hotel
 far from full. Poppie is good
 as gold & always ready to be used
 he secured wood for the fire on
 day. I has just-billed the lock &
 hinges of the bathing house & done
 lot of watering & small tree cutting.

The letters of any importance have
come several asking information
of our kind of another ^{of} minerals
laboratory fittings etc, I have
just sent a line to say you were
out of reach unless you were
in the old Mr Matheson's domain
I saw him yesterday looking
very pale & shaky

Base ball has not been
very active, but action is down
I think the boys are now occupied in
getting up what they call a
"circus" to raise funds for the
base ball. They have advertised
this at Sandy Bay. It seems if
the people respond, it is not to my
taste on account of a small party.
Of course the boys consulted me
one & as they are only obtaining
themselves 3 days to prepare in
I don't know what the result
will be. I believe the Collyer
series Gutchole is here & helping
them, & he will be a force

Bernard went to Jordan's Lake with
3 other boys, & caught - 5 day-
but mostly small ones - He &
Hugh Rock had a long day of
"flaundersing" & caught two
pail-fuls of fish, which were
distributed about, & seemed
to give satisfaction. The ones we
had were excellent.

I have made 4 doz. loaves of
strawberry jam for Mrs D. &
10 for dear noble selves. The
berries have been beautiful
this year but Mrs D. will not
touch them raw, as she thinks
it was strawberries that up-
set her before leaving town.
I think Kobler Flat will
be coming out at the same time
as Con - Aug 24th by Parisian
he is supposed to come here, do
think of the possibility of Cor's
doing this, if the passage is
a short one - If there were too
it - w'd lessen expense, I make
things easier - I see no objection

going home early unless for
B.S. I really he is a problem
he is never in time for anything
I wanders a great deal, I can
sarry that he is rather fond of
running round with the boys
in the evening. I see very little
of him, always late for breakfast
always off at unimitable hours
missing meals, I don't say much
about it, he carries very well
when he is here to see to it - I not
only well but quickly, I is nice
to Mrs Holson. I see to the fire
if he is here. But he no longer
reads at all he left under com-
pulsion. I at lesson hours, I
suppose he will come back
it after a bit -

Mrs Woodley & her little daughter are
at Mrs Thet's & Mrs M has sent
the boy to England for a trip. as he
has finished his school, I must
in fall get into some business
how many kind things she does do.