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Storm - boats
wrecked

Little Belvidere

July 27th 1903

My dear Father,

We were so sorry
that you were upset in
London, but do hope that that
is a thing of the past now.

Last night we were all
awakened, some by the
rain which leaked through
upon us, some by the
sudden easterly wind, &
others by the unexpected
onset of a storm. We
had hardly finished break-
fast before we were on
the shore. It was to see
a sad sight, for just bet-
ween our shore & the

town) worked to atoms.
He + Uria had been up
since 3 in the morning,
trying to save it, but it
was of no use - Uria
still had work to do, for
with a rope round his
waist he helped land
one of the 4th class boats
which had dragged its
anchor - By 9.30 the
shore was well populated
by shivering wet groups,
some such funny things
happened, as a man
with an umbrella who
most unexpectedly fell
into a puddle - He arose

Murrays, lay 13 carcasses of
13 boats, punts, & canoes -

Or a little further was
to be seen "The Spray" was
red up on the sand with
several large holes knock-
ed in the star side -

Going to Macmillan's shore
we saw many more
wrecked boats, & Awat's bot-
tom was split right up
the middle - All of ours
are pronounced by Cecil
to be beyond repair -

On the Cascade shore
lay Sam's new & beautiful
cat boat (just got down from

but left the remains of
the umbrella to mark the
place. All the boys
helped to pull the "Spray"
up high + dry + out
of reach of the next coming
tide - As for the waves
they are wonderful -
No blame is due to any
one about the boats,
all of ours were well
pulled up, + when we
went to bed last night
there was nothing to
indicate a storm - Indeed
all the country people
were taken totally by
surprise - The waves must

Have washed right up
to the fence - Between
astles + hidden I counted
14 or 18 broken boats, parts,
+ canoes - - - Please
Thank Conrad very much
for his letter to me - It
was most interesting -

The geranium has borne
one beautiful white flower -
So few poppies are
coming up at all, + those
that have are very back-
ward - You would be
amused to see Mother
gardening - The other day
she weeded all one morning
Mrs. Moore has had a mar-
celine + teddy up the east of

Had a long stretch of cold
& gloomy weather - I
do not ever remember
a summer with so little
sunshine. A Dr^r Robert

son came to sea last
night & went with us
to church, he knows
Conrad - He seems
quite a nice young
fellow - He is down here
for two weeks - He be-
longs to that family that
go to Crescent St. Church
& has a brother who is
a doctor - I wonder

where you will be for
your birthday - wherever

The place, so we are looking quite nice just now - Poor Mrs. Ineson was so indignant with Helen, as she would not let her slip out of bed this morning + go to the shore -

But I has made a splendid poster for Mr. Forbes, it is to announce that he is giving a dance in aid of the "Childrens Hospital"

You heard did you not that he had been left \$15,000 by Mr. Cooper for it - With the ex-
citation of yesterday + the day before, we have

you are may you have
a very, very, happy day,
& know that we are all
wishing you from afar
"Many happy returns"

With much love to you
& Conrad -

I remain
Your affectionate
daughter Clare -