

With much love believe
me, my own dear George
your affectionate
Mother.

The coffee is finished

I have had a gay & festive
time with visitors, but yesterday
Mrs Wilson returned to Murray
Bay, taking Anna with her. She
intends coming again here with
Miss Wilson on Friday the 23. Some
Cumpbell went to Cacouna to receive
his married sister & her husband
just arrived from Edinburgh &
will leave by my train for the
American Association, held in
Portland, taking Montreal by the

rather tough than
Rankine & Ewing
I am glad if they
I will share of them
I hope they say
I wrote
in my usual spirit
M.

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the way. A few days previous
Maggie Green, who spent one
week with us, & Katie Galt who
was one three weeks returned
to Cacouna. Lately the weather
is the gloomiest of the season—
an unabated drizzle with
dense fog shutting out the water
from our lands Cape, this &
the reaction from excitement
to sudden quiet has given our
little company a feeling of loneliness.
Rankine has read aloud while
Eve & I worked with the needle
until we were weary, & now
I have sent them off to make
coffee & I have been thinking

of the lonely rough life you
 are leading. & altho' you are so
 good in writing by every oppor-
 tunity, you tell us very little of how
 it affects your health & spirits. &
 whether you are likely to return
 before winter. I do hope this
 may be your arrangement..
 Yesterday as we drove over Mrs
 Wilson & Anna to the wharf we
 found your letter to papa, dated
 July 28th from the N.W. Angle of Lake of the
 Woods, in the Post office, & on my
 return I telegraphed of its receipt to
 papa — it is always such a pleasure
 & comfort to him to hear of your safety.
 I had also a letter from William
 from Balhousie. He has had a busy
 as well as profitable time but could

not get a definite place or anything
 in the shape of salary. So as soon
 as he thinks he has got all the
 educational advantages he intends
 to rejoin us here. The present under-
 standing is that Anna & Papa leave
 for Montreal ^{finally} on the 3^d Sept & the rest of
 us, including Miss Wilson who returns
 with Anna on Friday, go up at the end
 of the same week. As a whole we have
 enjoyed our stay here. The walks & drives
 are very pretty. The beach is the great draw-
 back. The Cottage is most comfortable
 & the largest we have ever had. Anna
 has been enthusiastic in painting,
 & has made some beautiful pictures,
 in which the Pilgrims play a conspicuous
 part. We have indulged in driving
 & riding to a ruinous extent but it seemed

necessary to take each relay of visitors to see the pretty places. I like Mrs. W. very much; it was the greatest pleasure to take her about she expressed such honest enjoyment in every circumstance. One day while Mrs. Reddy & Mrs. W. were here together we had planned a picnic to the falls. The weather proved uncertain in the morn, but clearing up we carried out our purpose. These two ladies myself & papa in a Currier's. Mr. Haes, Anna, Children & servants in a Charlotte. The first part of the afternoon passed pleasantly, but just as our kettle was annoyed on the fire a thoroughly heavy shower poured down - we huddled together under the trees & hid our shawls & parasols. This proved very temporary

protection, the water poured down
 in tiny streams at every point. We
 perspired however until we got a cup
 of hot tea returning in clear sunshine
 dripping & draggled. All ^{the party} next day suffered
 a little with sore throats, swollen face
 &c. except myself. which ^{pain points} however was
 soon over. Mrs W's good humour
 never left her. She was pleased while
 it rained & glad when fine again.

She is a charming woman.

Anna had a letter from Fina yesterday.
 She is with her Aunt Jarate. quite well
 & intends to return to Canada next June.
 Paus Donald is suffering the same torment
 from mosquitoes as you. is as lonely & seems
 to have to wash & cook for himself. He declares
 himself an invulnerable baker & promises to
 give practical examples on his return. Dear
 Anna feels somewhat aggrieved that you are
 so long in writing to her. Don't forget you are her
 favourite brother. She wd do or dare anything for your sake.