

Wrote in Sept. Edith
hoped it is to be named
for the ~~1st~~ of this month.
Wishing you a prosperous
and pleasant time. I am
as always your affectionate
Father.

Birkbeck
As for your father
I have chosen for me
some remarkable
specimens of strength for
Friday at the point of
view. You have been
with the children.

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may reach you. I am encouraged
to write. I send you my loving
good wishes on the anniversary
of your birthday. I am so foolish as
not to wish to inform myself of how
many have already been recorded,
but I do earnestly hope that many are
yet before you both happier & better
than those that have gone before, & one
thing I know will make ^{them} so, that is confidence
trust in the Creator as your loving Father
who yearns to have you believe in his love
& to have you love in return.
Otherwise there is nothing but of the

most trivial kind to the fore, as
 we jog on here in the all-out. Your
 father gives the best part of each day
 to his writing - at present he is work-
 ing through a revised edition
 of his Geologicus Text Book. He
 directs the Cosmopolitan - it is also
 recelling, "Grandis History of Rome".
 preparatory to writing an essay for the
 Shakespear Club of next winter -
 with lighter reading on the back with
 friends. We are late in beginning our
 social evening readings, at each
 others Cottages, but expect to begin now
 at once. The readings at these are
 usually short papers on some popular
 topic, not apparently of much use,
 but perhaps a better basis for a social
 gathering than that of over-charge gossip.
 As for myself I like to maintain some

enthusiasm about improving our
 scrap of wilderness I would, I know,
 delight in having the help of your
 advice. My new flower bed is very
 successful this summer. There are
 two lovely, large, rich crimson geraniums
 & nasturtiums that dazzle me with their
 brilliancy of coloring. The cascading one is now
 in full bloom so that I can afford
 to act rather haughtily with them
 to some of our friends. Besides out door
 interests, before your father & Eric came
 down, I assumed the responsibility
 of making a new arrangement in
 the parlour, to suit an open stove, of
 an original kind, representing an open
 fireplace. It is floored & lined with
 firebricks with a sheet iron casing.
 I only hope you may take a holiday
 next year & come to see & enjoy it as it is

quite a success, & now the evenings are
lengthening we often kindle our logs.
I need not say much about Will or
Bernard as possibly you know more
about them than we do. It is still the
same upon C.P.R. business, nothing
is yet decided in the matter of the City
Engineering, but I think he will accept
it if offered upon his own terms. I suppose
or he two days are all past & flourishing
here. Anna as usual is talking daily
with her half dozen gaming people, but
she & they are all very well. It is wonderful
the benefit they get from this sea air.
The weather during July has been fine
but windy. Mr. Lamb, who came here
a few days ago, says there has been nothing
warm weather in Montreal & in England
they are having an exceptionally cold
season. I think you know that Alice Cross
is on this side. We expect her to pay us a