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My dear George

Has any one had
the courtesy to write to you
about the wedding? Anne
can't remember whether or
not she did & I am certain
I did not - in truth we
have passed through an
amount of work that has wholly
confused our memories.
Well it passes pleasantly & I
think successfully in regard to all

accompany mits. There were
 about fifty of our princess present,
 Sylvia Wilson was with us &
 she & Lawrence decorated the
 drawing room with flowers
 profusely & beautifully. Eva looks
 her best & Hope was pretty
 approved - he is so thoroughly
 kind about every one that
 he is quite taking. The presents
 were laid out in the upper
 hall & made a pretty display.
 The most costly ones were a full
 set of table silver from Lucy
 Smith & a lovely pearl necklace
 from Mr. Mr. Donald. She also got

a pearl bracelet from Mr. & Mrs
 Stinley. A pearl ring from Julia
 Wynnman, besides a number
 of solid silver things for various
 uses, ^{very-~~other~~ things} & much beautiful work
 from her younger friends.
 Some of our guests were so
 good as to say, "that it was
 quite the prettiest wedding
 they had attended"; to which
 I am sure you will add the
 traditional, "ring of state"
 before receiving. When the
 girls were last heard from
 they were wandering about
 some of the fine scenery in

the Adar and ⁴ duced, & they write
 that they are increasingly pleased
 with the scenery, the fishing &
 such other, but they do not
 yet give us a hint of when
 we are to expect them or
 when they are to sail for England.
 Florence & her boys left on
 the Monday night. Her father
 came on by the ship in wh
 they returned to accompany
 her on her voyage & I have
 just heard that the "Lake Ontario"
 has arrived - a very good passage
 It was no longer gone then
 We received orders to go to

B. C. as the ^{5.} government refuse
to come to terms with the
C. P. R. until they furnish an
estimate of what it will
cost to put the roads into
the condition in wh: they claim
it ought to have been hundred
years ^{to} them at first. This
will cause much delay
in settling the matter & perhaps
open an entirely new case upon
another basis. So Will has
been sent to make this estimate,
per three hundred miles of road.
He has organized six parties of
three men to each & left by the Lakes

courte with as many men as
he cd. Collect by the Friday eves
hoping to find others waiting
to join at Port Arthur.

Sybil also left on the Monday
night & then followed two days
of horse packing, getting all Eric's
things ready for shipment & the
Thursday to my own arrang-
ments for coming here as I
accompanied ^{them} on the eve-
of that day. I found a new
series of work ready for me here,
but now I have the satisfaction
of having a Chan house & tidy
surroundings. It wd. have amused
you if you cd. have seen my out

down side - a Clerkenwell house
 house here, now a farmer's land.
 I asked him the first day by as-
 suming great knowledge on the
 subject of mowing grass, & telling
 I have taught him to lay sods
 & weed walks & praised him so
 much for his success that he
 seems to think himself prepared
 to be heard of to his Majesty.

John Pether writes disparagingly
 of the amount of work & weary he
 must struggle through before he
 gains us. Bernard who came here
 with us, but now has returned
 & now says that he looks tired
 & much in need of rest. I am

quite ⁸grieved to be away from
him - it seemed to be the best
thing when I left, we expected
Haf & Eric wd be here by this time
& that papa wd certainly come
down by Sat: the 25th? now he
thinks that quite doubtful as
he thinks the mg for the appointments
of last Prae^o will probably be an
adjourned one - but he always
takes the gloomiest view so we will
hope for brighter things.
Some of his family are all
well. Eric is still in town &
has taken very good standing
in his classes. He takes first prizes
in three subjects. Trusting that
you are progressing satisfactorily
& with all love from Mother.