

With all love
Aunt

Uncle Rantines

Character and Capabilities

Little notes

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Dearest-Katherine,

As I find
two little letters nearly ready
to set-out-on their journey to
you, I must-add a little
scribble on my own account
It is a desperate affair to
get-Eric through a letter,
while the little girls sit-down
& scratch one off in no time
& apparently with pleasure

Bernard has just-been
slown for a week, as his
h. w- friends put-him off
to a later date than was at
first arranged - he left-yet,
Tuesday & will go on to Winnipeg
where he will meet-Scarth
& proceed to Bay - he is to
give an opinion as to certain
coal lands there. - I suppose
will be there a week or two

had 4 patients, two ^{them} babies in the usual di-
tress Distress - the has recovered & I hope
the other is all right - now, it has another
was in a terrible plight - almost - it - Numbness
advised as much as the baby - It is very sore
now is exceedingly improved - some people over there
is great blame, that ought to fall upon their
Doctors & Masters, for leaving them in such dan-
gerous situations -

I do hope you will soon I hear
upon some of their old concerns - I feel greatly
sure that ^{my} very few years ago you are not much
known in preference, it is saying a good deal
It is curious to me that though you are not
nearly improved to have no small number
patients - have cultivated a manner that you

If there is no desperate haste
I hope to - will run down
to Vancouver as he is so far
on the way - Lindsey Russell
& his wife have been here
for the last week - with
their nephew Gordon Lyburn
the clever little lad who
draws & models so well, I
think you may have heard
of him - he & Eric got on capi-
tally & were so happy, that I
greatly regretted his departure
& wd' have kept him, if his
mother's orders, as to his return
home, had not been so positive.

This place is still full
of the perfume of your praise
I am always striking upon
some one who was greatly
indebted to you - The last
person was a Mrs King -
I relied so much upon your
ministrations valued that
a portion of the confidence is
bestowed upon your kindred
& I am being inducted into
quite a practice, I have already

the other self-reliance - that in reality you
seem to ~~rather~~ ^{rather} have seen power & attainment
in little - give home every element - success
is given - pride - good looks, good manners
self-only socially, but - professionally, simple
eloquence, extensive acquaintance with men
& things, the independence of our universities
seems - & one well known, not only through
paper - but - George - & as far money - you have
only to look round & see how much things
add to possession with well industry, then
it shows a step - down to others & up to
at same - you might ^{have} say that - your George should
be criticized in this race - & get - see how much
he has accomplished - with what - cost - & give &
effort - good only knows - even will - has such a

singularly attended mind that
he is perpetually at a disadvan-
tage with his fellows? yet he is slowly working up
you have everything in your
favor, I do believe a little
more in yourself - I strive
for mastery - I confess to being
rarely provoked when you
speak as if everything was ag-
ainst you -

I wish you could see our
curly headed little baby - he
walks quite nicely now, &
is tremendously proud of it &
indefatigable in practicing
it - A new door of delight
has opened for him now that
the strawberries are ripe, he
delights in them - Ruth is
still good & had in decided
streaks - I heard her tell her
kissel, the other day, with a
egg shake of the head that she
had had this look, for many
many years
Conrad is growing quite

out of his sweet & smiling
hazy haze, I want a firm
hand over him to control his
mischievous tendencies & his desire
to ride rough shod over the
world in general.

Eric tells me he is 5ft
high, which is not bad
for 11 years - he seems well
& strong too, & a little less
inert than last year.

The little girls are growing
tall very fast, quite too fast
for my comfort - Mrs Hunt
has come down here with
a 3^d baby a boy this time, & I
hear that Mrs Frank Keefalk
has a 3^d son - I fear it will
be somewhat of a disappoint-
ment, as the other two are
boys & this one is 6 yrs - 9 months
than the last.

Eric is reading some of
Scott's novels with great
 gusto. He is engaged on the Pirate
 crew & has just finished the
 queer old book "2 yrs - before the
 mast" wh. has caused so many
 boys of a longing for a sea-faring life.