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My dear Brother,

You will think it strange - or Susie may perhaps that I have not written more promptly on this interesting occasion, but there were so many things I wanted to say when I did write - so it appeared to me - that I thought it best to wait till I had time to say them all - I do not know that there is anything very particular either, but I did not want to write in a hurry and forget anything. I have not very much time

now, afterall, but I will postpone no further — I promised Miss Robertson to go to the John St. service this coming and it is not very far from the time. Well to begin, I wish Susie very much joy with her daughter — and trust she — the baby — may do honor to the illustrious family to which she is so favored as to belong — and especially I hope Susie is getting on well — let me know as soon as possible, please, how she is, and things are generally. I want to hear from you soon, too, for another reason — of course I did not allow myself to be deceived by George's trick at home — but Miss Ambrose simply

maintains that ~~this~~ it must be there were two arrivals - and as our oyster supper depends on it I am anxious to know the truth as soon as I can. Miss A. says she requires a certificate signed by the nurse and doctor, but perhaps your word of honor would be enough. I want some oysters very much only if I should have to give them I would be in no hurry.
I suppose Papa is back by this time so I need say nothing of his visit to Hamilton. Annie and Harry H. came up by boat on Monday, and spent the afternoon and night here - leaving the next morning for London. Annie took dinner with me and Thos both were in the college for tea - and then we went

to hear Newman Hall in the evening – It rained very heavily but the lecture rewarded us for braving it. Annie & Harry were well and in good spirits – they return tomorrow – spend tomorrow night in Hamilton and take the boat for Cobourg Friday morning.

I was to have spent tomorrow evening at Mr Stephenson's but I cannot now – I called there the other day – & ~~met~~ ~~the~~ Miss Baldwin of Ottawa is visiting them – it was to see her chiefly I went. I heard from Elmya lately – they were well.

My valise turned up all right – so I am no longer in destitution.

Papa was saying that Auntie had offered to take you to board. Would you like that? I suppose you could not go anywhere else now in Barrie if you wished to do so, and I dare say you would be very comfortable. I am sure you must wish yourself settled some where, and Papa even more – could you not arrange things there and then go back to Jeffroy if necessary. It would be very nice for Susie to have you so near and I am certain Auntie would glory in having you with her.

You have plenty to occupy you now – I doubt not.

The children will depend chiefly upon you, I suppose. How do they take to the little stranger? Hamilton

I would write to Susie tonight but I really have not time. Give her my best love and the same to all.

Write just as soon as you can, dear Mother, to your affectionate daughter

Emma.