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Darling Aunt Allie,  
what wonderful things  
we do hear you doing. Whizzing around and  
all. It must have been a great pleasure having  
Mrs. R. at Queens. Too bad that you didn't get  
to Detroit but it is a place for the future.

We are having a nice cold period now  
and it seems as if it will keep up quite a  
time. I certainly hope so. I have been skiing  
this week and the snow is perfect. J. M. and I  
are planning to go skiing out at Sackville  
on Saturday. Mary will stay the week-  
end with Marion Hanky. I have to get back  
and go to supper with a friend. I was shown  
a new run in the park which is great fun  
the park is not too bad at all. Well here I  
start again on a different note or colour. I

am sorry that I haven't written to you before  
this late date but we have been in a while.  
I did went to tea with the Lieutenant Governor  
yesterday. He is a real person according to  
Dad and he told Dad of a marvelous  
gold mine and showed him a sample of  
most marvelous gold ore. Dad knows the

District and the geologists concerned with  
the matter. He is ~~sure~~ sure that it is a  
real thing and is going to invest in it. Next  
month the shares are going to spurt up  
and he will have made money. Yesterday  
morning he went to see a man who is  
going to Baffin land. He asked Dad to  
bring together a party of geologists to go  
with him. He wondered if Dad would go too.  
We had an earthquake at dinner time  
Mama acted queerly but that is settled now.  
Yesterday was also the day of floods. My  
goodness it certainly did pour and  
deluge. The cellar flooded in two places  
Pluto's room had an inch of water in it  
when I went down in the morning. That  
was soon remedied by taking  
away the melting snow from the rotten  
window. Then I nailed nearly all the water  
out. After dinner I found the coal cellon  
was flooding rapidly. Mary and I dug a  
canal taking the water away from the coal  
hatch.

Johnnie is over his short cold and as  
happy as can be at his wonderful little  
steam engine, he has at last got working.  
The boiler was causing him trouble so he  
took it to an man at the college who did a

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very good job for him.

We had a very successful party for Fanny D. Lily, the Scotchman. Everyone enjoyed themselves greatly. He showed very interesting pictures on whaling in the Antarctic ocean.

Dear little Miss Maggie Brown sent mummy a lovely pot of crocus for a valentine. She is much better now and hops about wonderfully.

Mummy has been getting very depressing letters from Buzz and Carrow. She will tell you about situation there, very sad and disturbing to her.

This year has not started very happily for the world I think. Our great loss in Brandi was a great blow. I hope his wonderful spirit of brotherhood will remain planted in a great number of Indians and people in the rest of the world.

Mr. Franklin has died also, very sad. He was such a nice well thinking man. He was a good teacher to me and I expect I shall never have such a patient one as long as I live. The Franklins were such a nice family. I have started cello lessons again with Mr. Williams. He is very nice to me.

Papa had quite a row with the V<sup>3</sup> over the Lenard foundation scholarships. The terms protestants of white race only. They were read in school in the presence of Catholics Chinese, Darkies and Jews. They are not Democratic scholarships. Dad raised the point in the Senate. Kerr acted very smally and meanly. Bell stood up for Dad & was the only one.

Today is almost 0° weather what a strangely acting climate we have. I suppose were just in the way of the battling weather fronts hot and cold.

D & Astronomers think that there are stars on and on for infinity? I suppose they cannot tell. It is strange to think of it isn't it.

We have been doing alot of thinking about the house question. Dad has found that it is too costly to build and that there are no more houses in view any better than this one. There are I beg your pardon two that Mum and Dad are going to look at. However it looks like selling the lot and fixing up this house.

I must really send <sup>it</sup> to you now much love to you. Please excuse the awful scumble and spelling. Tally Ho Tat

P. S.

we had a lovely day stung at  
Sackville Mary and I. The old traits  
in the Slipp's woods are grown over  
greatly but it was lovely all the same.

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London → Cambridge  
15/2/48

Darlingest Aunt Allie,

Thank you for your lovely letter and all the dates. I love the way we both keep playing bat & ball with what we are going to do - Camps. or London at Easter. I don't know how thick it would be lovely to spend Easter in Cambridge - I want to be there with you - but we'll see how it plans out and I'll see where the nicest things are on - also see about the Albert Hall for the Messiah. Darling Precious Pet, I'm so excited.

Bo this am: 17/2/48. Meant to have sent this ages ago - life is a rush isn't it! Now Aunt Allie Pet. - about this ticket back which you say you have been trying to get - I wish I could have a talk with you before you - or we decide on that exactly. I do not finish school until July 30th which means a lot of things which I'm not clear on myself. Please do not commit yourself to getting me a ticket which you can't cancel for many things are complicating and I want to talk to you first.

Now this weekend was quite exciting. I went to the singing man in fear & trembling. He was awfully nice and put me greatly at ease. After a lot of chit-chat he said to sing one of the earliest songs I'd brought - so I sang "Come Unto Him" - 134 of I was. He stopped & said "Now what do you want to know? You have a good voice which needs to be set free" said I'd had wrong handling - which I now realize - said he could help me - was I. nice.

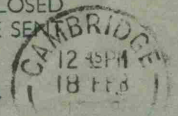
Do I have taken the mad leap & am doing singing every weekend 'till Easter & was then after that. Please do not mention this to anyone. It still seems partly crazy to me but I want to see how it goes. That means I go to London every weekend - what a time! Oh I hardly know if I'm coming or going - anyhow life is full of excitement and one must only hope one is not being unwise. Mr. Vivian (i.e. his name) said "Singing is fun and easy and if you do not find it getting easier & - in 3 months - then you are with the wrong teacher". Last <sup>(this)</sup> weekend I stayed with Betty MacMunn and she has said I can stay this coming Friday night - then I go to Cadham to see Bee for the long weekend. After that I alternate sometimes staying in M. & B. when one or other are away and hoping for the best later! Amazing how things <sup>people</sup> come to the rescue. Betty was so funny and nice and we had terrific talks - she being R.C. to the very core and not mindy discussion. On Friday night I went to hear the Internet. Was v. interesting for they played three comps. by modern people - 1st performers in which the composers were there. Meyer, Bush, and another I can't remember. This is what I think I shall do at Easter. Which is March 17 - Ap. 14 - week before you come I'll go to Bristol & see the Fletchers - then the most exciting part. Oh - I can't wait you Fresh. Then Room 7th - 13th Harriet, Mary & I will go to the lakes - Bearwdale - we think. It is supposed to be the most lovely part - we have booked rooms, I would have liked to Youth Hostel - but they don't do there it is. I shall write you fully about how where etc. we shall meet & what we shall do.

20 Oct

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I asked Mom if my skiboats were there but they may be at Ban Righ. If they are - do you think you could roll them up and send them to me. I'm sorry to bother you but I think I'll wear them out on the hills. School has been full of problems which are worrying - such as theft - maladjustment etc. I feel very inexperienced and useless in knowing how to handle things. It has been most interesting & some of the staff (Naughton who is leaving, especially) have been grand. Mrs. Bindel is taking me in to hear "Happier Creation" tomorrow night. More Puppets tomorrow aft. and I hope all the plasticine brain will be exorcised & the painting will begin. Had a talk with Harriet on how to teach scripture to 13 yr. olds. It was bothering me badly. She gave some helpful suggestions. Thank you for sending me those journals. I do love getting the news. Can't understand Edith Kent's silence. I must have offended her somehow or she must think I'm unsympathetic to her life and doings. I'm sorry. I have not done much reading lately - wish I could get time to do more. I have been dashing around too much. Went to a v. dull lecture this aft on Xianity & Industry. Not good I thought. Croesus out all over the place - lovely - But suddenly a cold spell has closed them. Birds everywhere. I feel that we've had no winter. Am sleepy & dense - must away. Love Pet love  
Bezzie

Just got a wonderful pile of Xmas cards & letters for you - a lovely, nice letter from Ruth at Macdonald College - but I can't think who she is? Ruth who? She seems to know me, isn't it awful of me! Will write a note to Eva Hodgson - love 18/3/34.

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