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Marie Harwood to Sam Steele

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My own darling Sam,

I received your very short note of the 14th yesterday & was so delighted to hear from you. Mr. Huot will be here long before you will I fear & may desire to take your place if you are not on hand – how would you like to be married by proxy? it would be rather novel I fancy & apt to cause a sensation. I follow up all the papers say of the Comr. you may be sure – The Herald is hard on him in a way. Mrs. Mac has not very much to do when she was poking fun at yourself & Lex – she had admirers, but I never had very many – those who are dying for me are few & far between & will outlive my departure. You really

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have no cause to be jealous & my choosing you among the numerous ones is a proof of how much I think of you, my darling pet – anyway, would it not be very ridiculous if you were, for people have known me long ere you did & you would not have wished me to be unloved until my meeting with you, would you? it would be very little in my favor & I certainly would not be half as sweet, had such been the case. She never intended hurting you when she tantalized, only desired to rouse your slumbering love, may be. I see Grandma has made a firm friend in my pet – so much the better, my darling, but you must not envy Lex & Mrs. Mac, for your turn is fast approaching & you will feel happy too, I suppose. I never was found like Grandma before, for she is even quieter than I am, but I can talk nonsense

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as well as any one, only I have not often treated you to it. I am rather serious of course, but was not always that way. Circumstances had a great deal to do with it, but you must not make me render an account of things that saddened my life, years ere we met. Yours of the 17th came today & I was very much surprised that you had not received my usual letter for I

wrote you, as Tuesday's mail likely brought [one]. I am sure you will be pleased when your report is finished, but it is that now if you worked all last week as you intended. You will see, that my opinion of Miss F. was a pretty true one & she will not improve in Mrs. K.s company. I succeeded in writing this far last evening when the Hubert family & Mr. Cowie came in to spend a few hours – we are having fine cold weather but no snow as yet. If Cotton replaces you I know what that means – your leave will be very much shorter than you at first thought. I am sure the Comr. must be furious at the turn affairs have taken, & he will not be spared in his trouble, for he showed no mercy to others. So you are really longing to meet me my darling! – time is speedily passing & you will be here almost ere you have time to realize it. I do not think you too much in love, my pet, for I want a great amount of love in my life & I never can have too much of it that is certain. All my family are prepared to like you, Alice not much more than the rest – she chatters away at a fair rate but is bright & clever, so that will excuse her. I will write you now that I know you are not coming for a month but if you leave before be sure & tell me, for I will never forgive you if you do not. You find me different from others but I cannot be as much so as you fancy. You stand alone in my estimation & I cannot say why except for the reason that I love you so! – A letter received some time ago will tell you that you can remain longer than for one short day. I do not fear the cold on my journey up, for I shall dress in consequence & have my darling to protect me as well. I am all ready to depart for home – hat & veil on even, still linger to finish

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these few lines to my pet. You must pardon the letter I wrote on Sunday as well as this one, for I really have not the leisure to do better – they prove to my darling that he is in my mind & as such will receive a hearty welcome.

With very many sweet kisses & fond love, As Ever

Your own loving, true

little Girl –

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