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Fendalton

Sept 24th 1893

Dear Rosa

I am taking advantage of almost the first spare half hour since coming home to write to you, not that there is very much to tell you though. I wished you had been with us yesterday afternoon when we walked over the hills to Governor's Bay, then to Raupaki where we had tea on the beach, and on to Sumner where a dray met us to take us home. It was a nor' west evening and the harbour was like glass, and if you could paint anything half as lovely as the views we saw at Governor's Bay, fame and fortune would await you. The air was scented with blossom

of all kinds, till our hearts ached to leave such fairyland behind. If you want to forget all the worries of this world, tell me and we will go sketching to Governors Bay in the spring. You wouldn't envy us our tender feet today though. May and I managed to limp into church this morning and every pebble on the road seemed to have a personal grudge against us, and the other people came off worse even than we. Last Saturday was to [sic] wet and uncertain they never went to Cooper's Knob after all, so we are to go there next time. They went to New Brighton instead, so I told them I had got one ahead with Mt Thomas. I don't think Amy Meeson will be able to walk with us again, she really has been dreadfully ill, and her lungs are very much affected, though she is getting better now. Her engagement is fully announced and so is that of Mrs Gresson, as I daresay you will have heard. Gerty Meeson seems to be in an almost hopeless state according to Ruth, who however sometimes takes a gloomy view of things. We

had letters from S Africa on Friday, by which the boys seem to have rather exciting times just now. Jim is sending me some ostrich feathers from the head of a Matabele warrior he managed to slay in a fight just before writing, of which he gives a rather grim description, but the thought he dwells on with the most delight, is the lovely time he means to have in the Matabele country next year if it is attacked and annexed. They take things so cheerfully that my mother is very much comforted, and that makes a great difference to us all. Have you been to register your vote yet? We are all flocking to do so here even the most determined opponents of woman's franchise are taking their womankind off to register their votes, of course they say in self-defence. I wonder if it was an immediate result of the franchise, that this morning we got the most beautiful smile and wave of his hat from the candidate for the Riccarton Electorate. We don't know him and he never did such a thing before but we stood up two inches more on the

spot. I am beginning to think now that it is right that woman should have a voice in the control of the state, and on polling day some delightful drag parties might be arranged. Don't think me very flippant but I am freshening up after yesterday's walk. The Westland's are going to leave ChCh soon Mr Westland goes to India next month and in March Mrs Westland wants to chaperone a party of girls to Germany. How would you like to go? She asked me to come too. I have started two flower studies the last week but there are so many lovely things coming out, it will be months before they are finished. I can't get through one quarter the things I want to. I daresay you know the kind of feeling. Tell me how you got on with the sketch of hills and rushes, it ought to turn out well. Here they like the Japonica best of my work of West Eyreton. Mama sends her kindest regards and love to Mrs Dixon and yourself. Please give Mrs Dixon my love and believe me my dear Rosa always your affectionate friend

Margaret Olrog Stoddart