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My dear H. V.

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(To H.V.Ogden from G. Cantlie).
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Just a few lines to let you know I am still in the land of the living & place of Hope - as I trust you yourself still are - I am particularly well and busy and just now too, as I have but returned from a most pleasant holiday in Montreal - and come back here quite reluctantly, in the conviction that Canada is not the worst place to live in after all. I saw many old friends, who seemed glad to see me again. Our old landlord in particular was very kind and attentive indeed - enquiring after you too. He and wife had just returned from New York - and as I heard a Montreal lady say were the happiest couple alive.

He seems to have taken remarkably well to married life - lives in good style, seems very happy, quite stout & excessively fond of his two daughters. Young Howard flourishes - but is not a favorite generally - being too consequential and dictative. Runs his shop in his father's house - and assists him much - He is said to be engaged to Miss Smith - but I don't think so - Mrs. Howard is a charming woman & Muriel quite a nice girl - The old Dr. seems ageing some - Buller gave the valedictory this year and a good one too. I heard him - large class passéd - Missed little Osler very much on the stage - Stewart seemed to be in his place - A student, 4th in his class - is missing and has been for a fortnight - supposed to have been made away with - this depressed the usual medical ardor this convocation. I had a most pleasant time - not so gay but just enough to keep up excitement & come back in the belief of solidity with some one - you know whom - Never saw so much snow as is in Montreal now - 15 feet deep all over I swear - and no sign of going off either. Cousins all well and thriving. Miss Mitchell still sticking to her profession and doing well indeed - next year will be her last. Mr. Armour just came back from a two months tour through the states - Been very busy here - and got so knocked out by the pork deal - that I had to have a holiday - What became of all your folks last season - didn't hear or see anything of them. Young Dr. Cameron is said to be quite delicate and I fancy not doing very much in Montreal - You remember L. D. Ross - he is now on the Detroit Board of Trade in business for himself, but don't know how he is doing. I must shut up. My brother the Dr. is going to Hong Kong - soon - goodness knows why - perhaps money. They are to keep his position for him in London open two years should he wish to come back. Write soon.

Yours ever,
G. Cantlie.