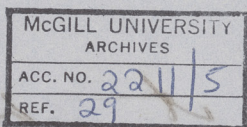


Letter
M.D.
Dec 15/55



McGill College
Montreal
Dec 8/55-

Dear Father

Your letter containing details of poor Mrs Harris's sad accident and death, came three days after the letter of later date in which you referred to her funeral and which I answered in my last. It was a sad stroke to them and to us too, for we loved Barbara, and it was very sad to hear of her untimely death under such circumstances.

I received Grim's paper; many thanks, also Child's paper for December. I am getting on famously with my work and am glad to say we are all well. The weather has been quite mild since I last wrote, and very agreeable; but every one says

we shall have it very cold
soon.

I have received Peter's
papers and some old attestations
deeds of May & June. I shall
be glad to have them for Oct
& Nov, and think you should
not send them to I attend at
all. If I do not receive it
direct from Britain according to
the arrangement I made when
in Edinburgh, I think I can take
time for a reading of it here.
If you hear anything of
the new edition of my book
on agriculture being out in
Paris, please ask for some copies
for me through Mr Young, and
send me one or two by mail,
as it may be useful in stirring up
people here in the matter of
our agricultural course.

The children are growing
well and I think improving in

their learning and manners,
though there is still room for
improvement. George says he
would like this place better
than Pictou if you were here
but says it is not so good
a place when you are not
here.

The furnishing of our house
is nearly finished and it bids
fair to be very comfortable. Hitherto
we have had no fire except
in the hall stove and the childrens
stove. I think the thick stone
walls and double windows have
much greater power of resisting the
cold than our houses in Pictou
contrary to what we were led
to expect. Most articles of furniture
are much cheaper here than in
Nova Scotia, otherwise the money
we brought with us would have
quite sufficed. Now however we
shall have quite enough as the

Remittance you sent will quite
suffice for all demands till
we can get some money from
the college.

My National History class has
over 265 and we have good
prospects of a large audience for our
popular course

Give our best wishes to all friends
With sincere love to you and yours

Yours truly
William

I was very glad to see that
the Normal School has opened
successfully. I never feared that
it would have plenty of pupils

Please say to Mrs. Thos. Margaret
I hope very soon I will
reply to her kind
letter

W.D.