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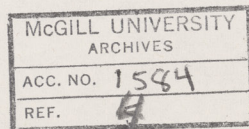
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There is no question but that Dr. R. Dawson was thought highly of as a medical man - many who knew of him sought his advice. His sister Mrs. Harrington took his opinion many times during the serious illness and death of her eldest son Eric. She even asked him to go as her delegate to discuss the medical situation with the famous Dr. Trudeau at Saranac.

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RANKINE DAWSON - 1863-1913

Rankine was the youngest of Sir Wm [sic] Dawson's sons. As a boy, he was a good scholar often making the first place in his class. Sir Wm. who was always thoughtful for his children and provided useful and interesting occupations for their spare time had evidently allowed Rankine to have a gun, this perhaps to draw him into the woods and the countryside, to get him interested in nature. A good photograph of him with a gun - has turned up and which is here shown.

Rankine graduated from McGill in Medicine taking first class honours. As time went on, he took courses in England and spent much time in London. Time slipped by & he was always planning to set up a practise for himself either in London or Canada, but he could never make up his mind on which side of the ocean he would like to remain.

Anna writes in 1886.

"I do hope that Rankine will give some certain idea as to his intentions, my greatest fear is that he may still be waiting for 'something to turn up' - but his going in for a definite course of study looks as if he had something in view. I doubt if he could do better than begin practice in Montreal, though if he would prefer England, the way seems to be open to money - - Rankine will, I dare say prove better than your anxieties fear. I shall write to him soon, and do what I can to help you".

1886. Anna again writes to her Mother.

"As to Rankine, it is very difficult to know what to do or say. In my last letter to him, I tried to appeal to him from what I know to be a soft spot in his heart, his affection for you, and to let him see how necessarily a lack of confidence as to his plans and unsettled life must be trying you - - I still

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fancy that an uneasy conscience, rather than overt baseness is the root of much of his moodiness, and I am sure you may count on a very strong personal affection for you. While with me, I saw plainly in him an undercurrent of self distrust beneath his arrogant manners - he is worried in secret by many misgivings, which only make him more self-asserting lest anyone suspects him - I mean this in regard to his future, his abilities to make his way etc. I find it very difficult to give any advice, and I much doubt papa making much of him - If papa keeps as reasonable as he now seems, Rankine in spite of his "don't care" attitude may benefit from his ideas".

And again in May ~~Anna~~ writes

"I can't help thinking that he puts on a great appearance of carelessness, but there is undoubtedly some root of bitterness, which it seems very hard to reach or combat - we must hope and pray ---- he seemed in so many ways the most promising of us all--"

In 1883. Bernard J. Harrington writes of Rankine who has been staying with him, in this way. "I am sorry to see him go, he has been such a pleasant addition to the house hold [sic], and you need not imagine that I am putting a good face on a bad business in regard to him. He is still in what you might call the opposition, as regards orthodoxy & a retired life, but he has greatly softened since his last visit, and he shows much kindness and tender heartedness - I am sure he wants thawing rather than didactic treatment. At this time, he is quite of a mind to cling to his profession and prosecute his studies in Medicine in London. His coal properties give him the desire to stay in England - he seems careful in spending his money, though always generous -"

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Rankine seemed to be interested in mining properties both in England and Canada. I believe on occasions he invested money that Sir Wm [sic] had given him, I fear speculating, with the hope that he would get rich quick.

Sir William and Lady Dawson made frequent trips to England - and Scotland. They usually chose a time if possible when Rankine would be in London - Rankine was a devoted son to his Mother, and lavished great affection on her - When he heard of their coming, he would take all sorts of trouble to find them suitable and comfortable quarters and plan all sorts of things for their pleasure - He would sometimes attend lectures and meetings with his father - or go to a Soirée with both his parents. He was a handsome and well mannered gentleman and people were always glad to see him - I think he would have liked to belong to the Royal Family - but failing this, he was a member of the famous Bath Club, and knew a good many important people.

In July 1866 - an invitation came, inviting Sir Wm, Lady D. and Rankine to a Naval Regatta at Portsmouth. Sir Wm. could not attend as he had an important lecture to give, but after a good deal of persuasion Lady D. said she would accompany Rankine.

Lady Dawson in writing to Anna on the subject of the Portsmouth Entertainment says -

"Rankine had expressed a wish to go, and for his sake I surpressed [sic] all my nervous dislike for ships, guns and noisy explosions, and greatly against my inclinations started from the Victoria Station at 9.30 A.M. There we met Mr. Bovey and Mr. Sanford Flemming [sic], the latter got us good places in the drawing room car. On arriving at the docks we were transferred into very high

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open trucks on to which temporary seats were placed & R & I scrambled into the least crowded and found ourselves amongst strangers. These conveyances were only to carry us around the dock yard to show us their extent. We had not proceeded far, when it was evident our car had run off the rails as the bumping was severe - that is my last conscious thought; utter oblivion lasted until I opened my eyes languidly and found myself sitting in a Chair of the Surgery of the dock yard, with my hair disheveled [sic] and a wet cloth on my head - a buzz of people around, and several other people lying about faint looking & bruised - Rankine stood in the middle of the floor with a terrible gaping wound on the back of his head, which a surgeon was stitching together - his coat off & his shirt horribly stained with blood. I think I became unconscious again - when I came to Mr. Bovey was standing beside me assuring me that a scalp wound was very little - Shortly after I was put into an ambulance, I was then carried a good distance by 2 Marines to the house of the Chief Surgeon, and was most kindly welcomed by his wife - I lay all the day on their drawing-room sofa with a basin of cold water beside me, in which were wet hand kerchiefs to lay on my head. R. was able to eat lunch, but I got nothing till 4 o'clock - After lunch to my distress R. started off to see the Naval Engagement - the doctor assuring me that it would do him no harm. He returned in a cab at 6.30 to take me to the station -- Rankine had telegraphed to papa, who had already had exaggerated [sic] accounts of the accident. with [sic] Rankines [sic] & my name posted up in the hotel as being amongst the injured - It has been a most wonderful escape, I only have a few bruises & a sore thumb - This has brought me & my son into great notoriety and the numbers of personal and written inquiries have been overwhelming - I had only just arrived here on

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Saturday when a telegram from the Queen was put into my hand. "To enquire for Lady Dawson & her Son & expressing sympathy for the accident" - Mrs. Redpath says she wishes she could have a mild accident, that would bring her as much celebrity. It was very very kind of George & William to cable ----- I had on a new bonnet a bunch of apricot coloured bows on top, which apparently saved me from more serious injury - as I was pitched exactly on the bow! [sic]

Rankine was still thinking of setting up a practise for himself either in London or Canada, but he still could not make up his mind - Sir William tried to get him interested in applying for a position in the new Royal Victoria Hospital - Sir Wm knew all the influential people on the Board, who all thought that he would have no trouble in finding a vacancy - but advised most strongly that he must come in person & present himself & his credentials to the Board - but he never availed himself of this opportunity - and so time passed & Sir Wm & Lady Dawson grew more & more anxious about Rankines [sic] future - It was said that his Mother spent many hours on her knees praying for him -

In 1889 - Anna writes to her Mother - "If anyone or anything could haul Rankine out of his slough of uncertainty - he would be all right, and his fine mind and many gifts would make a bright spot wherever he planted himself with a good will - these I think his worst fault of being a victim to moods & changes would wear off and leave him in peace & quiet".

About 1892 - Anna again writing to her Mother says "I had a very pleasant letter from Rankine lately in which he seems seriously to incline to come to Montreal - but hinges it upon Dr. Roddick giving or obtaining for him some post in connection with the Victoria Hospital which had been spoken of - Would it not be well for papa to write about it - Rankine had spoken to George about this, and asked him to remind Roddick"-

It must not be forgotten that during some of the past years, Rankine spent quite a lot of time in Western Canada. I think for a time he had a job with the C.P.R. it was at this time that his English cousin by the name of Rudolf came to Canada to make his fortune - and both he & R - speculated in land. Nothing ever came of their efforts - Rankine also had several trips with George - he cruised with him to the Queen Charlotte Islands - I believe he was a good companion and was quite resourceful in the help he gave - At some time during this period of his life, he was evidently forced to seek a job, no doubt because of lack of funds - he accepted the position of becoming Ship's doctor on one of the P. & O. boats (Pacific & Orient) and this appointment he must have kept for some time - During these years at Sea, he brought back to his Mother all manner of interesting things from foreign lands where he had been in port - there were strange animal horns, which he had mounted and then gave to Sir Wm - to hang in his front hall - There were ivories, strings of shell beads and pieces of brass which Lady Dawson took a pleasure in displaying in a built-in cabinet in her drawing-room - and most interesting of all a complete outfit of Japanese armour - Lady Dawson a most inventive lady contrived a stuffed body to hold this armour - and Clare her eldest grand-daughter said that she was surprised that Grand-mamma with her religious beliefs would dare to try to create a man. The Completed Man stood at the foot of the stairway in the front hall and every child that passed that way was delighted with the terrified feeling they experienced when they quickly and daringly touched the stuffed fingers and gazed into the cruel face with its slanting eyes!!

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In the Summertime, R. frequently paid visits to his father and Mother in their Little Metis house - he liked being with his Mother, and enjoyed the life of ease with her - he was always to be counted on to help with the singing at a bonfire on the beach. As he had some trouble with one of his feet, he could often be seen sitting in a hanging swing chair on the front veranda. He would often go over to the Harrington house next door, to have a chat with B.J., who he had always got on well with, or to amuse himself with his nephews and nieces - he loved all the young people of the family circle, and whenever they were with him either in Canada or England - he gave them special attention. Many delightful sightseeing tours to the Zoo, the tower or parliament buildings were engineered by him - the young people looked forward to being with him.

This is how about the year 1895 - at which time Rankine met the charming and sweet Gloranna Coats, daughter of Sir Thomas Glen Coats, the 'Cotton Spool Magnate' - a very wealthy and important man - Rankine fell in love with her, and asked her to become his wife - Sir Thomas at first, was not pleased with Rankine as a suitor for his daughter, but later accepted him with an open heart. After a time the wedding came, and Rankine was adamant about keeping everything very simple, he did not want a large noteworthy social wedding, though this was offered by Gloranna's Uncle in London. Rankine would not even allow his bride to wear the usual wedding gown - which some thought was very mean of him.

In June/96. Anna writes to her Mother in London.

"Your cable arrived yesterday, delighted to hear the wedding is safely over - it did seem to me shabby of R. to object to a reasonably elaborate wedding, when she had her dress all prepared - however one does not know all. We shall find the time long till we hear all about it, and how you found Gloranna and her

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The presents received by the bridal couple were grand and costly. Lady Dawson in writing to Anna says "Rankine & I went together to the stores and chose presents for 'Glo', for [sic] myself, I selected a clock, and for George ? a dinner set. She has got an abundance of substantial silver for the table, her near relations have sent cheques, she has also got valuable jewellery, 2 costly bracelets and two diamond pendants, [sic] the first received, I happened to hear cost £150. - - - - 'Glo' is in every way desirous to show respect and kindness to us, and is sure we cannot think her at all worthy of so good and kind a man as R. and all she can do is to devote herself to his happiness and this she will do".

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It could be said here, that Rankine after leaving the service of the P & O Steamship line [sic] - found usefulness in caring for private patients, these usually seemed to be well off people, who perhaps were cruising on their yachts with a view to improving their health, & Rankine was a very likeable person to have on board as their doctor. There is nothing to tell how many patients he had of this nature.

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