

295 Queen's St.
Jan 31st/09

Please fold yr. letters in 3.
they will look much more tidy on
Bernard
Dearest Will,
Adieu to Jan-

uary! & such a lovely day!
We have had so many damp
gloomy days & this one is a
real delight! - Bernard should
have arrived at Chicoutimi
this A. M. & I hope he found
a room at the boarding
house to which he was re-
commended. he will have
the day to look about be-
fore he begins at any work
& I earnestly hope he will
now have a good career
open to him for he has had
some pretty hard places to
fill. & done his duty faith-
fully too -

Ste Agathe must have
looked wonderful in its
golden garment of ice, I am
& don't wonder you were
charmed with it - & I doubt
if King Midas with all his
wealth, ever saw a sight
half so fine - There was a
real King Midas, with

great riches - & on him the
fable was founded -

The book of Hawthornes
that I sent up to you - has
6 charming short stories
of people, at the end, that I
wish you wd read, The
Grandfather's Chair I don't
think you wd care for -
When you finish them you
might post them back -
leaving the ends open -

G. M. was much
pleased with your letter
but she found it rather
difficult to read - you can-
not be said to improve in
your writing - Do try old
man, it is very important
I will send you a copy
book & do a little each
day - you used to write so
nicely & carefully when I
taught you years ago - B. S.
is trying to improve his
writing he finds it is such
a disadvantage in busi-
ness.

I saw a french lady
yesterday who has come to
live in this country, & she