

to produce the feeling of Britain, & their
open in Canada, toward the great Republic.
Of course there are not wanting friends of the
north here. & two of our most widely read journals,
the Herald & Witness, are northern in tone but
the tone of many say the province, swarms
with swaggering southerners, who have the
best of them / that swash-buckler air, which
semi-barbarous British aristocrats assume &
the Canaille, and so they pass for gentlemen.
The fact is, I have long been able to see, that with
a ^{small} reception of a small party of really refined
& civilized & Christianized people in England.
The inhabitants of that country are far below
the standard of moral culture which belongs
to the educated classes of the loyal states. The
reason is to be found in their political systems
which make all the middle class in England
(and the upper too) snobs & flunkies. Says Her-
bert Spencer, you always find in parts present
ages, "that submission to authority decreases as
morality & intelligence increase". and that there
is always a direct relation between barbarism
& loyalty". Well, there are those who under-
stand it in even in England the party of liberty
& progress everywhere feels that we are

* Have you read Goldwin Smith's in Atlantic for Dec.

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Montreal, Dec. 4. 1866.

My Dear Lerley

I have long been meaning
to write you and yesterday my good friend Mr
Brunet called to see me with a message from
you which induces me to seize an hour before
dinner to write you. You inquire about Mr.
Ross Cutbert of Berthier or rather Larocrie
he died in 1861 so tells me a gentleman here
who was at the funeral. but is not certain of
the exact date. I can however if you wish
write to some of the family & get particulars
he was insane for many years. And so
another & no the will replace Prof. Silliman
as Dean of the Am. Philos. Socy - What a
fine record our old friend leaves behind him
we cannot regret a death like his. "When
to the common sort that crowns our days,
The good man full of years & honors goes."
I had a letter from C. J. Jackson the other
day evincing much feeling at the death
of Prof. S. more than I would suspect
from one who seems such an Ishmaelite
poor Jackson, I like him, yet the pains are

with his mad attacks at every one introduced
 he has differed. I have been twice in Bos-
 ton this fall. Once I spent a pleasant day
 saw much of Jay, A. A. Gould & others. Then
 went down Melrose City by invitation to
 dine with Emerson (R. W.) at the Atlantic
 Club. John W. Smith was to have been the
 guest of Mr. Coe, but was ill. However
 we had a delightful evening. I never was
 happier. About end of the table. O. W.
 Holmes presided & around Eliot, Cabot,
 R. W. Emerson, E. P. Whipple, Geo. Hedge,
 & Benj. Pierce. I managed to play my
 part in the conversation, & succeeded
 in interesting Holmes, who paid me a
 deal of attention - I certainly think with
 him. Kata dinner like that is the very
 flower & perfection of civilization & culture.
 Agapi, Sumner, Andrew, Char. Norton
 and some others resigned at the other end
 of the board, around which, I think about 20
 Lowell (J. R.) was kept away by the recent
 death of his nephew Col. Lowell, buried
 the day before. I was anxious to meet him
 I spent only Saturday & Sunday in Boston
 at that time, and then came back, where
 there have been at the bar ever since.

Mr. Girdwood is living near me. Her
 husband leaves Monday. She has already begun
 practice here. I hope she will succeed. Her
 brother Charles Blackwell, about who you ques-
 tioned Mr. Brunet, has been for some months
 on the survey of the Intercolonial Railway,
 but has reached Quebec, & will be here to-
 morrow, probably. Anything you have to
 send him may be addressed by care
 of Dr. G. P. Girdwood, Montreal.
 For the last two months I have been lecturing
 at the college, 4 times a week for a month past,
 now I have a month's respite. I hope to do a
 little more laboratory work. I have enough for
 two or three assistants. If I could but have
 I want time for writing too, which I cannot
 command. & at night am too tired for hard
 study. How I long for some position of com-
 parative ease where I can put my thoughts
 in print, & publish in some detail my notions
 in various matters of geology & chemistry -
 I want to get away from this Canada. The
 hateful anti-American spirit of a major-
 ity of our population has grown so distasteful,
 & we have to avoid society, for fear of being wound-
 ed. Hatred, fear, & jealousy are combined

to Mrs. Serley, who is I hope quite well &
and believe me my dear Serley,

Ever faithfully Yours

J. Perry Hunt

J. P. Serley Esq

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fighting its battles in our own. & Kalmes shall
conquer. I lament often that I have not been able
to share in this glorious struggle. Have just to
thank you for a number of the Report of the Sanitary
Commission & which I received last week from Phila.?

Sir William is still abroad, and is busy at his maps,
which are being printed in London. He spoke a
month since of coming within Jany. but I fear it
will be spring before he can return; the work is
slow & difficult. The Eozoon is a great success.
Rupert Jones & Dr. Carpenter both endorse in all
things the views of Dr. Dawson - Specimens
of the rock taken home by Sir William have
afforded more perfect forms than any we had before
seen. Salter was sceptical, but has yielded. The
papers you read by Sir Wm. Dawson & myself
were to be presented in setters to the Geol. Soc. Nov
23 - will appear in their ~~pro~~ Trans. You
suppose, with illustrations. I have in hand
a long essay on the Chemistry of mineral waters in
which I bring out some novel views & much
systematized & elaborate investigation. It will
appear in Bullington for March probably.

I expect to get away for 10 days, before the New Year
to visit New York & Boston. If I can I want to
run to Philadelphia if only for 2 days. Will you

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shall find you then & there?

I have been reading a little theology of late. Among other things Grog's Creed of Christendom. It is a noble book, admirable in spirit. I have also read what have much charmed me. Renan's Essays on Religious Subjects, lately translated by Frothingham. I read the original however. In his essay on the religions of antiquity he develops with great beauty the truth which underlies "the faith of the humanities" of the old faiths of heathendom. - Read these essays if you have already - I find a religious appetite in me which must be fed & though I can no longer digest the high seasoned diet which Rome once offered me at her table, I turn with no less eager craving to the more natural food which Grog & Parker & Renan offer to the unortiated palate.

My little friend Brunet returns delighted with all he has seen: it was his first visit to N. York, Phila & Washington, and having spent a year in the old world he is able to compare things. He thinks our men of science are taller intellectually, than those he has seen in the old world. He has seen Grog, Agassiz, Henry, Baird & yourself. & I tell him in a night he may see at the capitol of the Capital sat

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the simple beauty of Phila. its wonderful collections. We had no conception that such things existed this side the ocean. He is a clever observing little man, an author's son in Botany & without a shade of bigotry in his composition - He has made arrangements with the Smithsonian for a collection of birds & plants for local -

We have New York weather here. After a little snow storm. We have for 10 days rain and alternating days like Indian Summer in June. The season is never completed. I believe. This shortens the winter a whole month for which I am duly thankful. But I must close, it is time for dinner & then I must go to hear Mr. Crozier to whose church you once went with me. I like to go once a week for sociality & for the sake of our memories: if for nothing better. I heard 3 times last summer a wonderful preacher. Collier of Chicago now a Unitarian, once a Methodist of Phila. Do you know aught of him. He is a noble man, and of singular eloquence. But I must close still. It is very seldom that I write so long a letter to any one. May I hear from you in return. Remember me kindly