

Chislehurst. May 20<sup>th</sup> 1886

Dearest William

On arriving here  
yesterday afternoon I found  
a short letter from you enclosing  
a note from Mr. Mout & a letter from  
H. to Eva. Whether I thanked  
you for a letter remains uncertain  
to that I do not remember, however  
I shall try to answer what requires  
notice in both of these. First I think  
you will find that we have secured  
good births in the Vancouver. I am  
also sure that it will be all in good  
time to give Mr. Mout notice of our  
date after you come here. Let

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We also remind you that I  
think it wd be quite worth while  
to bring your Card-Plate with you  
to get a large number printed. Another  
matter that Prof. Baring spoke of was,  
should we get any imitations from  
Birmingham we had better, before accept-  
ing, refer the matter to the Secretary of the  
Assn. He thinks the Mayor has an early  
claim <sup>that he has</sup> ~~that he~~ a suitable & fitting place  
for the President. We shall, in a general  
way, intend to keep to the plan of  
moving about that I mentioned in  
a previous letter & if all works out as  
intended we shd be in Liverpool  
ready for you on your arrival &  
nothing I shd do much like as to carry  
you off directly from the "Parisian" to  
some quiet sitting place for a couple

of weeks or more, such as the Isle of  
 Wight, Wales, or anywhere you like.  
 The chief obstacle to this, from my point  
 of view, is Rankin's movements. So far  
 as I can judge he is in some uncertainty  
 as to the time when he can get re-instated  
 in his old place in the P. O. Naturally  
 it would be a disappointment to me  
 to leave London & not see him again  
 before he leaves. & a still greater hardship  
 if he should go before you see him.  
 I asked him if he could accompany  
 us to some Country place after you arrived  
 & he said he wd be glad to do so if here.  
 but he could not go with Eva & me  
 now because he is attending St. George's  
 Hospital & studying. If you can say if  
 this plan would suit you it would  
 at least be one step towards a decision.  
 I would not like to hit three on

the Crows, but would prefer to be  
 even there as the place she is likely to get  
 the greatest pleasure.

I shall rejoice to hear of the meetings of  
 the Regal Society at Ottawa being over.  
 I look upon them as useless waste of  
 strength & time & hate them accordingly.

I pray don't you worry about College  
 funds do let that <sup>work</sup> fall upon other shoul-  
 ders. unless you can include Will's interests

Well I tell you that Sir W. Young, Halifax  
 has \$20,000 towards a new building  
 for Dalhousie College. The old building  
 & site having been sold to add to the fund  
 so that I suppose Charles has hope of his endow-  
 ing a Chair of Engineering.

With all love to you dear William  
 & in the hope that you will get  
 through with all your many works  
 in a quiet & comfortable spirit. I am  
 your love & Margaret.

Mamma  
2/2/82

P.S. I turned over two shots  
without absencing.  
Please give my best love to Clarence  
& Milla.

Dr. Williams

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Mr. William Rawson