

Dear Anne  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 90



Tuesday  
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My dear Father,

Many thanks  
for your note rec<sup>d</sup>  
this morning, and  
containing an order  
for your new book  
which I shall certainly  
forward as I have not  
yet seen it; I should  
like to do so.

Letters from Mother & Anna

2) both very acceptable,  
as being the first I had  
received for several  
weeks, arrived by last  
mail, & contained the  
first news I had rec<sup>d</sup>  
of his wedding and  
the festivities connected  
with the happy event.

I regretted much not being  
present on the occasion,  
as I had hoped at one  
time would be possible,  
but shall now look  
forward to having the  
pleasure of seeing them

in Rock Ferry on their  
arrival in England,  
or shortly afterwards.

My present plan is  
to cross early in August,  
I perhaps have the pleasure  
of spending a week or  
two at Wexford, before the  
time comes for returning  
to Montreal.

I shall have enjoyed  
& I hope profited by  
my three months in  
London, & shall I trust  
be in a position to be able

down in earnest to  
some more remun-  
erative & permanent  
work.

I regret much to hear  
that you have been so  
much pressed with  
College business, especially  
when you hoped that  
recent changes would  
have relieved you from  
so much. I confess  
however that it does  
not surprise me, as you  
so rarely think of the  
future when undertaking  
other people's work for them.

I do hope that Mr. Pitt  
at least may prove  
restful & that you will  
not allow anyone or  
anything to break in  
upon that absolutely  
necessary recruiting  
time.

I have met Redpath  
and old D'Rae more  
than once, & have seen  
something of Fleming -  
but shall not look up  
Sir Donald who is always  
a very busy man  
& does not fancy court

more friendly calls -  
It is singular how  
much time and thought  
it takes to make & keep  
friends. To a consider-  
able extent it is a talent,  
& one I have little claim  
to - or for that matter  
little desire to possess.

Since my schoolboy  
friends - proved themselves  
to be my worst enemies,  
& that in a mean &  
shabby way, I may  
truly say that I have  
never had a friend,

in whom I either  
believed or trusted, &  
such of course are not  
really worthy of the  
name.

I have from time to  
time sent papers, which  
I hope may have served  
to amuse or interest  
the children. if they  
arrived, which is always  
an uncertain quantity  
when the Canadian  
postoffice is in question.

I have seen a good  
deal of Mr Fu, whom perhaps

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You remember, since  
I have been back. He is  
succeeding rather well  
& expects to make several  
thousand pounds out of  
some of his financial  
schemes here -

Please to thank Mother for  
her delightful letter & give  
her from me all loving  
regards & kind wishes -

Remember me too  
to Anna & to all the children.  
Believe me,

Your affectionate Son,  
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