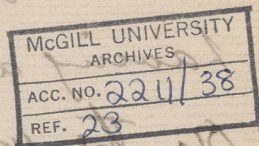


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My Dear Grandma

I have just been for a long walk in Hyde park & Kensington Gardens. It has been raining nearly all day & only cleared off about six o'clock.

The park was looking beautifull & after the rain smelling quite like the country. I tried to fancy you all at Lacoma where I suppose you are by this time, but could not quite make up my mind whether there would be any service in the church this

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first Sunday or not.  
whether you would be there or  
having a stroll along the beach.  
On the whole I decided that  
the latter must be the case.  
Perhaps you will tell me whether  
my surmise was right or  
wrong.

I was glad to get the sample  
post card you sent in your  
last, as I had seen in the  
Witness that they had been adopted  
& quite wondered what they would  
be like. I should think however  
that they would not answer  
so well in Canada as in this  
Country. Especially as there is no  
postal delivery in winter.

large towns, & the cards of course must like other letters wait at the post office till called for. I have just three more days now to work for the Palaeont. exam. which as I have no doubt told you often enough by this time comes off next Thursday.

Last Sunday morning I went to the Temple Church, as I had never been there before, & thought it must be worth seeing. It is a very pretty & very old little church, & the music was very good & well heard.

The pillars are made of Parian marble, which is almost entirely composed of fossil paludinas, & being of a dark colour gives the church a very venerable aspect.

The papers are full now every  
day of the "Great Tichbourne Trial"  
It has been going on for weeks,  
& threatens to continue to go on  
nearly for ever. Tichbournes  
Cross-examination alone has  
taken about ten days.

I saw a calculation in one of the  
newspapers the other day, based on  
the late census returns, to the  
effect that the population of London  
was ~~was~~ greater than that of the  
& largest cities in the United States  
taken together. So you see we have  
a chance of holding our own for  
some time to come.

With love to Anna & all  
believe me your affectional  
son  
Ernest