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My Dear Mamma

Many thanks for the very interesting little book on Iowa which you sent me. I have read it through with great pleasure. Papa's present of Froend's essays also seems very interesting though I have not yet read any of it.

The little book of the Next Series. Miss Columbias school is very clever, & the sketch of Capital. What an extraordinary affect the Publication of Dame Europas School has had, quite brought a new style of literature into fashion for the time. I have also to thank Rankine for his very well done map, on so useful

a plan, William for his perpetual  
Calendar & Anna for her sketch &  
lithographs. I hope to write to acknowledge  
some of the above separately before sending  
this one but in case I do not get  
news please convey my thanks.

The Xmas holidays began yesterday &  
Laboratory & lectures begin again  
Wednesday week thus giving us about  
ten days, which I have no doubt I will  
find quite long enough.

You seem to have had an extraordinary  
sort of Winter so far. Each one in their  
letter says they suppose I will see all  
about the blocking in of the ships in the  
river, wreck of the Lake Huron &c &c in the  
Witness. I thought so too & was equally  
interested in hearing about it, but  
fallacious hope. The Witness falls than

usual of Temperance tales, Children's Courses,  
Agricultural Items. How to Save Melon  
Squash & Cucumber seeds. Receipt for  
jam tart.  $8^{\circ}$   $8^{\circ}$   $8^{\circ}$   $8^{\circ}$  by careful search  
in a very obscure corner containing a  
Summary of Dominion News in about  
 $\frac{1}{8}$  of a Column. Just 2 lines saying that  
several ships had been caught in the  
ice below Quebec. But for what  
William said in his letter I should  
not have known anything at all about  
the matter.

Yesterday evening I took a walk to the  
Kensington Museum & afterwards  
along the Brompton Road. The Museum  
was rather empty, but the B.R. quite the  
contrary. On Saturday nights as a rule  
it is quite a fair, but last night being  
practically Xmas eve it was more  
crowded than ever. All sorts of

barrows & temporary stalls along the  
edge of the pavement, & the shops all  
overflowing at the windows on the  
other side, & a crowd of people making  
their X-mas marketery & present-  
buying. Quite a lively scene.

I have been several times lately on  
Sundays to a Methodist Church I discovered  
in a street near here. I was quite  
surprised to find that they use the Eng. Ch.  
Service & prayers with very little alteration,  
do they do so in Montreal & other  
places?

With very best love

Your affectionate Son

George