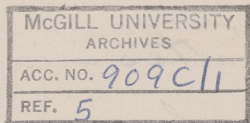


Ottawa, George
20 Feb 98



My dear Mother

I have been very negligent in not acknowledging and answering your last letters. On the other hand I am very glad to hear that Father is keeping so fairly well; & also that Clara is getting on so nicely. She was good enough to write a note to Florence herself the other day.

I have been getting on gradually with the article

on Revelation for Father -
Of course there are always
2 or 3 evenings in the week
that are taken up with
other things; & even on
Saturdays there is not al-
ways much time. Yesterday
afternoon, I went with our
elder boys & three or four
others for a snow shoe tramp.
It was a splendid day for it;
& the boys stayed to tea
afters. Of course their de-
light was to slide down
hills & turn summersets in
the snow; & came back
like snow-men. Fortunately

snow is clean! If it snowed
black soot in the winter, it
would be rather lamentable.
And there is no reason why
~~they~~^{things} should not have "evolved"
in that direction; if that
were the way they came about.

I have taken an "Editor's
liberty" in condensing some parts;
and also modifying the word-
ing in some places * where
the words of Scripture are in-
directly quoted, to make the
expressions closer to the text.
I do not think there will be
any objection to the few
sentences I have myself added.
The dates, I did not think

it well to go into at any length, when the article is altogether so much in outline. I would rather advise against adding anything further; as it will hardly bear more detail at any one point. I would rather recommend cutting down a little, in some of the introductory parts; where John's personality is so much brought to the front.

I hope to finish it this week; & hope I have not left it too long.

We are all well. With much love, from Florence & all of us, your affectionate son,

Will