

you were

I have been very ungrateful not to have long ago answered your delightfully interesting letter. I need not make excuses. Though I might do so - for I was very busy in the middle of the winter - when one gets off doing a thing - it is so easy to continue to do so - I am sure you have had lots of letters from other quarters - have heard all I could have told you. now I shall write about what has lately been going on - w^o the subjects in which you are interested. But I must first tell you how delighted we all are that you have had such a prosperous visit to the East - without any drawback - you have gathered so much valuable knowledge - a precious treasure for years to come. When we leave our joys in our Saviour's hands - how liberally He does

So many nice people to meet there
I hope you will be able to attend the
Midway Conference in June. Do try
to be there. Col. & W^m. Noble are coming to it
from Ireland. I should like you to see her
I have lately been reading W^m Remond's
Life. The person who originated this Conference
& though not a man of great ability - yet
God's power worked great things by him -
Perhaps when we get to the next world we
shall find that the good that has lasted
when all that is of temporal nature has ceased
to be, has been mainly accomplished by
men & women of moderate ability - & the passage
in 1 Cor. will be found more literally true
than we think. The reason is not difficult
to find. Those who have great powers do so
naturally lean to their own understanding
while those who are conscious of their weakness

draw more directly upon the fulness of God
& it often strikes me as a great wonder
how much such people do accomplish.
Here was a striking description of Moody's
work in London in the Pall Mall Gazette - illus-
trating this very point. He laid down the pro-
position there is no effect without an adequate
cause. He describes all he sees & hears - the
wonderful impression upon thousands - of a very
commonplace address. He goes away bewildered
finding no solution for the difficulty - for he
had no fault in the power & presence of the Holy
Spirit. It is this power & presence we all need.
So many Christians now are stirred up & seek
the blessing. I heard from Miss Wilson Cart
beek, who has been attending Mr. Soltau's
meetings in Toronto, & getting a great deal of
good. Hope he will come to Montreal.
Some of us have been reading that book on
the subject "Abide in Christ" which has had a
great run in England. It is very plain &
simple. Miss Barber spent three weeks
with me this Spring & she went home to
prepare her cottage for letting if she can

get an offer - & come to live in Montreal
giving up the care of children. She had only
four. He has been laid up all the winter
until lately - from the accident - you no doubt
heard of, a runaway horse ^{that} knocked her
against a tree & bruised the bone of her leg
below the knee & gave her a great shaker.
I have been taking her place at the Jail.
The present Matron is not what we would
wish - exactly - she lacks judgment in get-
ting places for the prisoners - not really her
work to do. The Temperance Union have
suggested a Bible woman to work under
Miss Barber - as Police Matron & other work
in connection - a very capable person -
& she has a sister who would like to be a
Bible woman. You know Major Mills leg-
acy was put into the Exchange Bank
& the interest is lost - half the principal
if not more. which is a great pity.
In answer to your request: the Executors
of Mr. G. Mackay's will. gave the Bible Co. \$
7500 - a few weeks ago. The whole work
needs reviving - We have really no Committee

M^{rs} Carpenter Miss Barber never attend
we have only M^{rs} Case - Miss Graves & myself
when you come back - we must make
a change - Miss Smith has been very deli-
cate this winter. M^r T. M. Taylor want-
ed to hand over to the "Ladies Bible-Woman
Mission" the Leignours S^h Home, free of all
debt & a bal. of \$200 - but I would not under-
take the responsibility - such a place is
needed to work efficiently in the South -
It is still in his hands - & perhaps be
there when you return. Going to such
to the South - seeing the difficulty of saving
any of these prisoners - makes me more
than ever convinced of the need of Bible
women - & the good that might be done if pro-
perly sustained - "Prevention is better
than cure" - There is often such a waste
of labour in all our charities - Christian
works - We shall expect you to bring out
a great deal of useful information & do
make a point of finding out what is being
done. I know Anna has kept you well
informed as to the "Ladies Educational"

M^r: Mercer after saying she would resign
& that she had promised M^r: Weston
before she left, that she would - has drawn
back - for the present. I was very much
disgusted all the way she tried to account
for the falling off of attendants in every way
but the true way - that of M^r: Douglas' wretched
Lectures - It was lucky for me to hold my
tongue - If she had only said nothing or
have made some apology for leading the
Committee blind fold into such a terrible
mistake, one would have forgiven her.
She is so fond of power & there is a strong
feeling against her - which is extended to
the Assⁿ as long as she is Secretary -
Now I think I have said enough about
business matters - Of course you know that
all debts are paid by getting over 90 Associate
Members - paying a fee of £ 3-00 - M^r: Wheeler
secured one third of the whole - She is capital
for that sort of work - It was M^r: Harry Scott
who proposed the "Associate Members" - following
the Edinburgh Assⁿ wh. started from the beginning
with them - I feel so sorry for the poor