

P.S. Young Mr Robertson was with us
a few days ago and mentioned
that the Investment Co is mixed
up a little with the Exchange Bank,
and that its stock had fallen
This will not I suppose affect loans
to the company, but it may be well
for Bernard or Willam to inquire, I have \$2000 there and you
have I think something more

York Hotel,
Abermark St,
London

Nov 14, 1883.

Dear Anna,

I am very glad,
and should feel much honored
to receive a letter from you, though
I have heard from mamma the
contents of your previous letters,
which have been very useful, as
you give us much more of college
and other work than Willam
condescends to give. His quite
pleasant to think of you all
being gathered together, and I hope
many such reunions will take
place during the winter. We have
been moving about with no permanent
rest for the soles of our feet, seeing
many friends and hearing much
that is new, and are now bending
our thoughts to the question of preparation
for the Continent and Egypt. With reference
to this, it would have been very pleasant
if we could have learned the price

time when Rankine is likely to come
 over. We have to make all our
 arrangements for passage in the steamer
 to ~~England~~ Egypt a month before
 hand, and I have postponed them
 in hope of hearing by this steamer
 more definitely; but now we shall
 have to decide before next mail
 arrives, and it would seem
 to be well perhaps to slip him
 by a few days, when we might
 have arranged otherwise if required
 in time. One present plan is to
 leave London finally on Monday the
 26th or Tuesday the 27th. Rankine
 might arrive by the boat due on
 the 19th or that due on the 26th.
 If he is to come by the latter, we
 might wait a day longer in
 order to see him; but if by any
 later boat we could not well
 wait another week. You should
 receive this by the 26th, but this will
 be too late even to telegraph, as Rankine
 if he comes by that boat could telegraph

from Merrill as soon. We hope however
that if he is to come by the boat due
on the 26th, he will let us know by
next mail.

I have been getting quite a quantity
of information about Laches' colleges,
which I am writing out & sending
in instalments to Mr. Fenner for
several information, and am making
notes for a more full report when I
return. There has within the
past few years been quite an energetic
action all over England in reference to
Aths and to Technical Schools; and
many and most contradictory experiments
are being tried.

With reference to our movements,
as friends may require Gray says that
leaving England about the 27th we
are to stop at Paris, Lyons, Florence or
Rome on our way to Naples, to leave the
latter place about Dec 22 & arrive at
Alexandria about the 26th, then to
Cairo and up the Nile which will
occupy all January, then into Palestine
leaving of Beqant perhaps early in March,
and returning by Venice, Lucerne, Bonn &
Bonnels to England. We shall thus have

Anna

ample time for London and for Scotland
before coming out to Canada. Of course
any illness, or disturbances or decrease
in Egypt, might oblige us to change
our plans on the way; but we
shall be prepared as far as possible
for this. As to time of return,
that is so far ahead that I do
not yet think much of it. I believe
however that it should not be
too late in the Spring or Summer,
as independence of the Brit. Emp. shall
mean that I hope to do before next
Sept. of the College. You have no idea
how many new veterans I see here that
might be useful with us.

I have no doubt Maurice and
Eva will tell you where we live, about
people we see, and so on. We often think
of you and Mrs., and Eva has put
up all the family photos over the chimney
piece of our little parlour. I often look
at them with pleasure and weep in
sadness, and wish I could go up and
see the little ones now and then as
of old. Give all love to Bernard and the
children, and believe me

Yours ever affectionately

Ed. Down