



Saturday Oct 30th

Dearest Anna

I believe you have occupied fewer of my thoughts since I returned here than at any other stretch of time during the year of our separation, & I am quite sure that I never endured such severe heat as worked so hard before - indeed I ought to say - we for we have all worked & all suffered alike hitherto without falling sick - now the pendulum of household arrangements

has begun to living with more regu-
 larity & the small new College hotel, with
 its eating department, will go on in a
 trustworthily way I hope by next week. We
 have Mr Gray - the Wilson's & Alice as perma-
 nent guests wh., with Bernard as day-
 boards, makes nine of a house party & every
 day beginning last Tuesday we have here
 about twelve per each meal. yesterday
 we had a large afternoon tea & Eva &
 Alice who, with papa's guidance, are the
 secretaries here our imitations per-
 eighty more on Tuesday. Natalie is proving
 a most efficient servant & working with
 her is one of the emigrants I saw on the
 "Larmation": a neat but very slow woman,
 & had Miss Mills make a black Calico dress.

8 Smart Cup per each & they look well
 in their livery. Helen grows along & Miss M.
 is ready per any gap but there are only
 a very few things that she can do satisfactorily.
 I tried sending her to market today but
 the fruit, chickens &c that she brought are
 useless. I am waiting per Hamilton to
 repeat my order in Catherine St. The
great College Reception last Thursday
 passed off successfully. I have not heard
 the number present but it was much
 larger than the American one. I guess
 about two thousand or more. Sir J. William
 Dawson & Hon: Mr. Ferrier received the
 guests at the door of the Museum. Inopes
 & Lady Rayleigh & Lady Dawson supported
 Lady Lansdowne who with Lord Lansdowne
 stood on the top of the Museum tower.

facing towards the door. The whole
Company were presented to their Excellencies
& they shook hands with every one.

She is a pretty slight ^{young} woman & looked
pale & thoroughly exhausted before this
ceremony was over. When it was dis-
missed she gave her arms to the governess
& appeared her to Lady Louisa & with the
two old Coats in front paraded around
the gallery of the Museum then down stairs
& through the length of the building & the
long Connecting Corridor, lighted with
electricity, into the Malvern Hall, where
we invited them to have some refresh-
ments. They were ceremoniously seated
on the dais at the end of the hall &
after a delay of ten minutes had to tell
that every thing had been eaten up.



How: Mr. Cannon came kneeling in much
gratitude with a small hard pack placed
in the centre of the crown of his collapsed
hat, after a few more embarrassing minutes
into paper succeeded in getting two tumbler
with lemonade & by the time we were
abstracting our steps down the hole ice
cream made its appearance. They treated
the whole matter with a playful courtesy
that none but high bred English people
could have done. Still at the time I
felt mortified. I was awfully glad when
the whole trying ordeal came to an end
We had lunch with L. & L. Lansdowne

at Mrs S. Stephens on the Wednesday wh.
has somewhat familiarized us & Lady
Rayleigh with whom I have conversed
a little at Mrs Malsons garden party on
the previous afternoon is a most pleasant
man & his husband a charming man
& some things in his address along with
the fact that the dowager Lady Rayleigh
is a Christian woman leads one to trust
that the present Lord R. is also a Christian
& that makes one at home with people
as nothing else can. We had asked
them to breakfast per Monday & I have
just received genuine regret that they
cannot come as they go to Dublin today
to return before Monday eve. As they are
refused by the Vernon Harcourts - we
also expect Sir W. & Lady Thomson.

Saddy our house party with the one
exception - Mr Wilson (or papa) have gone
on the excursion to Humphreys &
the servants or have been straightening
up things. Will & Florence have gone
to Ottawa as it is a free excursion. poor
Dr. Can hardly keep up she has had such
an alarming account of her mother's health
indeed both she & W. are much pulled down
He has got a temporary place in the C.P.R. under
Peterson & goes to work on Monday but
that Mrs Elliott's spasms of the heart prove
fatal their complicated trials will be a
severe strain on both. & we have mentioned
been urging them to go about & not dwell upon
their sorrows. They came to our afternoon tea
but the table is so constantly pale that
we can only see them between meals.
Saddy & I have looked for the stockings

without success but I feel confident
that we got only dark navy blue & dark
brown, wh: wh: not intire with any
other colour. This is literally the first
quiet hour I have had since my return
the work has been overwhelming & I
has had the heavy share - every thing
beyond what was absolutely neces-
sary per the occasion his own
in admire confusion but I have
Hamilton do must stop.

Thanks per your letter. I console
myself by the thought that you
get a good share of our doings
through the papers. I have not yet been
able to go to one lecture or meeting here
hope for next week as they will use
me. With much love to the dear children
& the more to yourself. Mother