

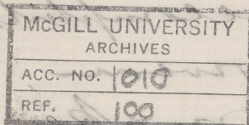
I find on my table five pamphlets of on missionary subjects from Dryden. They are addressed to you & marked "on approval". Can you tell me anything about them?

I have the children's photos.

B.

Montreal.

July 1st 1886



Dearest Love,

Your father and
sister got off comfortably
last night, so that I
am now left to my own
devices, and dull enough
it is. I got my breakfast
at Hamilton's and lunched
at the Mc Donald's. The
McDs are exceedingly kind
and have urged me strongly
to go there for all my meals,
as have also the John Duncans
and the Evans. But this
would never do. I have
however promised to lunch
with the Mc Donalds again
on Saturday. I have told

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nearly the whole day filing
letters, receipts &c., and
yet seem to have accomplished
very little. It is, however,
absolutely necessary to make
some new disposition of the
papers with which my desk
is crammed if I am to
work with any degree of
comfort next session. This
was a good day for such
work as nothing is going on
at the laboratory owing
to its being a holiday.

I have looked everywhere
for the little French book
which you ask for but have
failed to find it. Nor have
I yet seen the other books.
They may however turn up yet.
The other commissions I shall
attend to before going down.
When I shall get away it
is impossible to say, but is
pretty evident that in any

case I shall have to come
up to attend to various matters
some time in August.

I am very anxious to get down
not only because I long to be
with you all and because it
is very lonely here, but because
I should like to have the
home made more com-
fortable for you. It is too
bad that you should be
troubled by so many leaks.

As for painting here I shall
try to get something done to
the floors before I leave.

I went to Kimber's to-day to see
him about it but found that
he was keeping the holiday.

When you write again please
let me know how the
ash-leaved maples are doing,
and also whether Macnider
has got the boards from
Frank Matis which I wrote
to him about.

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The weather⁴ continues
pleasant - here and there
have been no excessively
hot days.

Florence & the baby got
off yesterday afternoon, at
least I suppose they did.
I paid her for the marketing.
Annie & her maternal rela-
tive left last ~~to~~ night.

Your father urged me very
strongly to take a boat down
and said he would take it
off my hands next year.
What do you think about
it? It would cost about
\$45.00.

Yesterday I inquired about a
cabinet organ and found that we
could get a new fair one for \$2.50
a month. The packing and
freight both ways would probably
be about \$5 or \$6.

Tell the children that I look at their
gardens every day & that they are doing very
well. The big maple trees down, &
much more Amish fruit, its way into one
part of the garden. Ever your loving B.