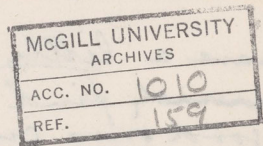


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May 18<sup>th</sup> 1894

Dearest Love,

The arrival of your letter constitutes the most important event of each week with me. That of May 5<sup>th</sup> has just reached me and I am going to write a short one to you before retiring for the night. I had been hoping to get better news with regard to Eric and am distressed at hearing that he is still so miserable. In sending him to STA and arranging for him to go with Mrs Cox you have I think done the very best thing for him; for there can be no doubt that what he needs is to have plenty of fresh air and to have his attention drawn from himself. Should he prove unfit to go with George then you had better seriously consider sending him to this side. Even if he spent only a few weeks on this side the voyage might benefit him and I could cut my stay short a little if that proved necessary. The air at St Agathe should be fine & bracing and I have little doubt that it will help him. It was clever of you to make the arrangement.

I can readily understand Dawson's having difficulty in getting rid of the Logan biography. In fact it was a mistake to write it and a mistake to print so many copies. The people who knew Logan have largely passed away, and notwithstanding its great value, there are very few who take any interest in his work. I shall be very

glad to have half a dozen or even a dozen copies of the book. They are always useful for giving away.

After my last letter was posted I was sorry I could not recall it - it was such a delightful one. The weather, however, was bad and I had outind myself. Since then I have avoided ~~to~~ over fatigue and my barometer has risen considerably. On Monday morning I went to Cambridge and spent a few days there very pleasantly - everyone being exceedingly kind to me. On Sunday I lunched with the Newalls and afterwards went with them to the opening of the new Engineering Laboratories, which, by the way, do not amount to much. There were, however, some good speeches from Lord Kelvin, Prof. Ewing and others. Tuesday morning I spent with Prof. Living going over the Chemical building which is really a good one and from which I got a few new ideas. In the evening I dined with Prof. Living in the Hall of St John's College ("John's") and met a number of interesting people.

Penfield was also at Cambridge and we spent Wednesday morning with the Professor of Mineralogy, looking at minerals &c, and afterwards lunched with him at "Clare" where I had accepted an invitation to dinner. I was unable to call upon Dr. Cunningham, to whom Dunlop gave me a letter of introduction, but shall probably have an opportunity of doing so later.

The trees and flowers at Cambridge are looking beautifully at present and altogether there is a wonderful charm in the place

especially for one from the New World with its stumps and wooden houses. To me it was an enormous relief to get away from the clatter and din and smoke of London to the classic shades and quiet streets of Cambridge.

I went with Prof. Lewis to see the "Union", a kind of College <sup>or rather University-</sup> Club concerning which you have often heard. There is a handsome hall in which the debates are held, a large library, smoking room, drawing-room, writing room, restaurant &c. It is a capital place and must serve a very useful purpose in bringing together the members of the different colleges and promoting a university spirit. They urged me very strongly to return to Cambridge in July and find to place all their appliances at my disposal and to give me all the assistance in their power. Please do not say anything about this, but possibly I may return. I do not think the mineralogical professor is much of a man, but still he could give me the start that I require and I should like to see something more of the University life there.

Armstrong is here on business and yesterday we lunched together at his Club and then went to the Academy. It was my second visit and as is usually the case I enjoyed it more than the first. There are of course a great many beautiful pictures which in my humble opinion are a waste of canvas and good paint. If only the really good pictures were hung a visit to the Academy could not be such a fatiguing business as it is. I believe

I have a little of the art instinct - at least I ~~usually~~ find that pictures which I select as good ones generally prove to be by really good artists. My knowledge as the artist & other special things points is, however, lamentably small.

I am glad that you have practically decided to take a journey with the sea-side - though I do not think your mother should be allowed to pay for it. ~~For~~ in my previous letters I spoke of your taking Miss Baker, but simply because she was the only person I had in mind, and because I thought you liked her and found her useful. From Rock Ferry I hear that all idea of Eric's going out to Canada is abandoned and that they intend going ~~to~~ to Holyhead again. I a letter which I received from Hope a couple of days ago he again speaks of coming up to London with Eva for a few days and I have written saying that if they are coming I wish they would come soon as I may move any but any day.

Thank you for sending reports of Convocation and the notice about lengthening the session. I have always felt that the strain - particularly as compared with the time spent in examinations - was too short, and am astonished to hear of the matter being taken up in the manner of which you write. If the Professors are made to feel that they have so many clerks in the employ of a "syndicate" the bottom will be knocked out of the whole concern, and it will soon be found that work will be done according to what is paid for it and with corresponding lack of enthusiasm. Mais, nous verrons. I find that Stokes's book bill which you sent me is already paid (Such discoveries, next to scientific discoveries, are about the most pleasing ones I know

) I forgot to say that Armstrong is stouter!! than of yore, having put on another 14 lbs much to his disgust. He was at Cambridge this week making arrangements for April to enter Trinity College. April he tells me is tall, but slight as yet.

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

I have practically decided to remain on here for some weeks, and am looking for lodgings not too far from where I shall be doing some work. There is so much red tape on this side that one has no end of difficulty in making satisfactory arrangements. I found that when I tried to run about all day I was too tired at night and for some days past have remained in during the morning, writing & studying, and then go out about lunch time. The result is excellent and I enjoy what I see far better and do not feel fagged at night.

I am glad that money has been flowing in (from Toronto & Reid) and enclose a cheque to pay your father 6 months interest due in June or July - I forget which. The cheque is for \$140.00. I feel that I should really have given him something in January, notwithstanding his generosity declining to accept anything, but I may be able to arrange that later.

When is Rankine? I hope that he will have returned to London before I leave. The expectation of his doing so influenced me in remaining here, but if he thought of remaining in Canada for the summer I would not on any account have & him change his plans.

When the sittings of the Colonial Conference at Ottawa take place in June I wish you would have the papers (say the fascette) giving an account of the proceedings sent to me. The simplest way would be to have extra copies sent direct from the fascette office.

I am sorry to hear that Baby has a cold or rather had when you wrote. Dear little chap I long to see him, but fear he will not know me when I return. Pauloman inquired after the "Princess" the other day. He saw Con. at our house several

years ago and had not forgotten him.  
Love to all the dear ones including yourself  
Even your fond husband  
Bernard

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