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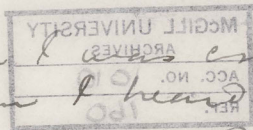
London

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Dearest Love,

We have been having
wretched weather here of late -
cold & rainy. On Sunday the
temperature went down several
degrees below the freezing point &
a good deal of damage was done to
delicate plants. There was also snow
in different parts of the country.
This morning it is raining and
I am staying in and enjoying the
luxury of a fire in my room, the
first that I have gone in for since
I came to London.

You say that you hope I am
not lonely. Well I have not had a
chance to go very lately for some time
past and am really as contented and
happy as possible considering that I
am 2000 miles away from those who
are more to me than anything else
in the world. I am constantly coming
upon friends at unexpected moments,



Yesterday afternoon I was crossing
 Sloane square when I heard some
 one call me by name and on
 looking round saw Capt. Simcoe
 who appeared delighted at seeing a
 friend from Canada and had no
 end of questions to ask. He and
 his wife have been in Italy for
 some time, having been sent to work
 among the English people there.
 They, however, were not very suc-
 cessful as the English were
 largely of two opposite classes who
 were not always pleased with
 visits from unformed Salvationists.
 When I went in to dinner last
 evening I found Dr. Major sitting
 and afterwards had a long chat
 with him which prevented my
 writing letters as I hoped to do. He
 came over to the conference at
 Rome, but intends remaining on
 this side until the autumn.
 He gave me his views on the
 Victoria Hospital which he thinks
 will do very well for a show place
 but will never amount to much
 otherwise and never have the
 sympathy of the people. Crates
 is a great friend of his and it
 appears that Crates' advice about
 many matters has been ignored
 - as for example in the recent ap-
 pointment of Dr. Hamilton, of which

Craig did not appear. Penfield
left for the Continent on Saturday
but I saw a good deal of him before
he went. He is a fine fellow and
I have urged him to come to Montreal
for a visit next Christmas.

On Sunday morning I went with
Armitage to the Chapel Royal, at
St James Palace. We sat with the
organist - a Dr. Brown. The
members of the Royal Family being
out of town the chapel was
empty, but there were many big
boys in the pews below. The
music was exceedingly good and
the service of course conducted
with all possible decorum. The
sermon could not have hurt
anybody's feelings, and was ad-
mirable as a rhythmic succession
of well selected words. At about
10 on Sunday afternoon Callender
and his wife called to see me
and fortunately I had just come in
a few minutes before. She is pleasant
but very quiet - so far - not a
piece sticking, but fond of dancing, tennis
and all out door amusements. Further
criticism as yet would be unfair.
I dined with them on Monday and
we arranged to go to the Zoo together
this afternoon, but will have to give it
up owing to the weather.

To night I am to dine with Prof.
Penny at the hot, ice, club, and

to-morrow evening with Mr. Miros
of the British Museum - to meet
a Mr. Gurney, a mineralogist who
has recently been appointed principal
of the Durham College of Science.

Mr. Miros has also invited me
to spend a day with him at
his father's - somewhere up the
Thames. I am to begin some exact
topographic work at South Kensington
to-morrow (this private) and spent
most of the day yesterday looking
for lodgings within reasonable
distance of this place, but was
wholly unsuccessful. The houses
that had been recommended to me
were all full, and there were
several objections to other places
that I visited. One house, for example,
smelt strongly of sewer gas, in
another the landlady was practi-
cally drunk, in another the terms
were higher than I am paying in
my present hotel. My search was
not without its amusing side.

My plan is to remain here in
London until the beginning of July
and to do a little travelling after
that. The Astronomers insist upon
my not paying them a visit in August
and I shall probably try to arrange
for a few days with them at Greenwich.
I spent most of my evenings in

reading and studying, and so the house is very quiet. I have been able to accomplish some things in the last week.

I sincerely hope that Eric's trip to the ~~Saint Louis~~ ^{University} will be profitable to him. Yesterday I received a long and capital letter from him for which give him my thanks - also one from my dear little Lois. Tell her I shall not forget the dishes. The Callendars had decorated their sitting room with photos and in a prominent place I found the group of our little people.

I meant to say that in my last letter that Eric would require money for incidental expenses ^{in the West}, but no doubt you have thought of it. I should not like to have him call upon you for funds. Walfrids book of college portraits arrived safely, but is much poorer than I supposed. Thank you for sending it.

I do not think that boys clothes are much cheaper here than with

as our prospects they are better.
read down I shall have to
pay duty on everything I take
out. Callendar tells me that
Cassius W. Adams had to pay
something like \$400 on wedding
presents, which was certainly
hard.

My time is up, but I shall
try to write soon again

Your loving husband
Bernard

I hope you have found
a suitable person to take the
place of your former partner.

From the group of our letter
people.

I would be sorry to say that I am
not better than Eric would be
any for in essential expenses
but no doubt you have thought
of it. I should not like to have
him call upon you for funds.
I support most of Europe's partners
around camp, but in some places
I have I suppose. Thank you for
writing etc.
I do not think that boys etc.
are much cheaper here than with