

Montreal, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>  
October 1869

My dear George

Anna has gone  
to take tea with the Misses  
Hunt this evening - William has  
followed to get to his home,  
& I have just seen my three little  
ones, Rankin, Eric & Mabel  
safely to bed, & with Papa, sat  
down at the table in the  
diningroom beside a pleasant  
fire to write a few lines to you, as I  
intend to go to market in the  
morning & will not have  
another opportunity if I do not.

Embrace the Present. I now you  
want to know who my third little  
one is, & where she came from.  
You remember that a Mr. Selwyn  
has been expected for some time,  
from Australia, as assistant to Sir  
William Lyster in the Survey. He  
has now arrived, bringing with  
him a wife - a daughter of 16. 4.  
boys younger & a little darling girl  
of 5. I have been assisting them a little  
to select a house &c. They have taken  
No. 1. Portland Place. St. Antoin St.  
& while it is getting painted & papered  
they are staying at the St. Lawrence  
Hall - knowing from experience  
what an expensive business that  
is I have taken dear little Mabel

till they get into this new house.  
I hope there is just such another  
enjoying little one in your new  
abode, to while away a lonely half  
hour when weary of study. I know  
you would enjoy the mischievous  
remarks were you here. The Belmonts  
appear to be an English family well  
educated & with good manners.

Mr & Mrs Paton have made up  
their minds to leave America & go  
to reside either in Scotland or  
England, with their three boys, for  
their education. I daresay you did  
not find time to call on Tom  
when in Edin: His parents continue  
to receive my good accounts of his  
progress there.

Since dinner with us last evening.  
The Barnards have not written to any  
of their friends here since they left.

The weather this week has been  
cold & wet. Most of the trees have  
changed their color. I have not  
observed many very bright.

Mrs Leach is getting better.

It is just possible we may have  
a letter from you before we have  
the opportunity of writing again. I hope  
you had time to write at length, there  
are so many things we long to know  
about you. Altho we are very thank-  
ful to know you are safely off the  
treacherous sea. - Again goodbye  
for another week. May the Grace  
of our Lord Jesus Christ be with  
your spirit. My heart goes out long-  
ingly, lovingly towards you. Dear love-

Give me a graphic description  
of your ladyings, first interview with  
Professors & friends - especially Mr Bishop  
& Davis - Our helms men.  
Yours lovingly  
Mathew