

Ms. Gill College,  
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Dear George,

It is not often I have time to write to you, & if you have as much to do as I have, I suppose you will not have time to answer me; for when you do have time to write there are Mama, & Papa, & Anna, who claim a letter as their special privilege.

Our school hours are going to be changed at the beginning of next term, from what they are at present, to this; - 9-12, & 1-3. By this you see we get  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour, which of course equals one lesson less; but then we are not going to have any Wed<sup>d</sup>. afternoon holiday, & therefore the marks will keep us in, on the afternoon from 3-4.

We have got off all of our lessons for tomorrow, <sup>except in English literature,</sup> on account of this being Hallowe'en. We are at Moore in our Lit<sup>r</sup>, & among other



pieces there is one called a fight  
between "Long Sandy & Georgy the  
Porpus"; I wonder if Mr. Murray will  
have the face to read, or ask any  
question, on this! We had in  
our Horace for today a line which  
is at the end of the III. ode of the IV  
book, namely "Dulce est discipere in  
loco" i.e. It is sweet to unblend ~~in~~  
on a fit occasion, which the boys  
thought very appropriate to its  
being Halloween.

We are ~~is~~ <sup>having</sup> now the slushy disagreeable  
weather of ~~at~~ autumn. The winter  
beginning so early ~~no~~ hardly any-  
thing is prepared for it; for example  
the leaves are on some of the trees, (the  
sickory, lilac, Elm, &c.) & we have  
not got the straw-berry beds covered,  
or the double windows on. We have  
had some snow-storms & then frost,  
but today the snow has almost all  
gone & it looks like mild weather  
again.

Rankine is very indignant at  
having a paper sent to him (which  
he received to-night) in return



for his letter but I suppose you  
have no time to write him one  
(Such a horrid pen it does nothing  
but blot!)

It is very curious to think of  
the difference of time between this &  
England. For example when we are  
taking our breakfast here you are  
getting your dinner. Why at the  
time I am writing now you it is about  
~~fast~~ one in the morning with you  
& I suppose you are fast asleep in  
the bed!

On Wednesday last the new  
museum ~~is~~ was inaugurated. A whole  
crowd of its benefactors, in the way  
of subscribers, &c. met in the  
museum at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M. & looked round,  
after which they went into the library  
& were harangued by papa &  
Dr. Carpenter, after having regaled  
themselves on some tea & coffee, cakes  
& fruit, &c. Then when they ~~were~~ had  
gone away "we" (i.e. our family the Selwyns  
& Mrs. & M. Baynes) had our tea  
there, by way of a cod, & afterwards, we  
adjourned to our house here & spent



a quiet evening. I should have told you that the Selwyns are a family of people who have come here on account of Mr Selwyn's having got a position of some kind in the Geological Survey. They used to live in Australia, but have been living in England for the last 5 years. We have picked up a great acquaintance with them on account of their being without relations, friends, &c.

By the way there is a sort of party at the house tonight consisting among other incognites of Mrs & M. Baynes, Dora, Miss Clapham ~~Mr. Trench~~ from Quebec.

Excuse this scribble which I suppose is on account of my being so lazy tonight to take the trouble of writing well & believe me

your affectionate brother

William.