

McGill Col. Nov. 17, /69.

Wednesday 5 P.M.

Dear George,

as usual I have nothing to say but I will try to think of something.

We have commenced the new arrangement in the hours, & although we have no Wednesday afternoon, I think that on the whole we like it better. This afternoon we had an examination on all the French we have done last term, & I gained a round, <sup>but</sup> Taylor & Jones in our form gained 3 rounds each.

We have just received an "ECHO" from you & quite approve of that petition in it, & perhaps papa is going to send it to some of the papers here. ~~to~~

I forgot to say that I received a letter from you on Monday (?) last, for which I am very much obliged to you.

the <sup>before</sup> Sunday last we had a snow storm in which perhaps 10 in of snow fell; <sup>last week</sup> on ~~Monday~~ <sup>Monday</sup> it froze hard & today it has been hailing all day, & <sup>it</sup> is now changing into snow, so that as the ground is pretty well frozen, I think we shall have winter in earnest.

There has been sleighing for a few days previous to this, but as most of the snow melted, most people returned to their carriages again; but now I think we will have sleighing till spring.

Did anybody tell you that St. Andrew's church was burnt, & also the roof of the Unitarian? But I suppose you have <sup>read</sup> heard it in the papers & before now.

I hardly expect an answer to this letter, as I know you are very busy, & have other people to write to beside me; but of course I will be ~~very~~ very glad to receive one.

So remember me & ever your

~~affectionate~~ affectionate brother

William.

P.S. I took ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> of the ink <sup>with</sup> & mixed it with common ink & when I write with it, it looks red but on drying it becomes black!