

Montreal. Sept. 23. 1770.

Please give my kindest remembrance to Mrs. Gurd  
I beg that Rankin & Eva thank her very  
much for the silver spoons she was so kind as  
send them. I hope you went to see Mr. Saunders.

My dear George

I was much disappointed  
to allow last mail to have without one  
line to you. I wrote a large budget of  
letters. I no doubt you heard a great  
deal about my home coming, as the excitement  
about it as a new event, was by no means  
ours. The confusion however was so  
great that I fear sufficient attention has  
not been given to thank the many friends for  
the separate presents sent to the children. I am  
sorry on this & some other accounts that  
you are likely to have returned to London  
before this reaches you. Before I have had  
time to put away things bought from  
Britain I get household matters quite out

very real Communion with you. if you change  
my sympathies will be as last winter, but  
unknown surroundings will greatly interfere with  
the life of the picture.

I have spoken a little  
to papa about your wish to change: his  
answer is perhaps the only one that could  
be given. I have great caution should be  
exercised about locality & other comforts. I  
hope you will better be able to judge if it is  
necessary to change after your return & do the  
whole without itself into your doing whatever  
is most agreeable to yourself. A great many of our  
friends in London know now where to find  
you. Any change would greatly isolate you again.

Had Ella made any beginning towards the  
present piece for my album? I intended to send  
her your photo: small, to match the others. but  
the only copy I can find is that taken by Col: Ralls  
& it is so poor & so heavy looking that I do not  
think it fit to put with the others. I wish you  
therefore either to get a small sized photo: taken  
at once, or for you to let her know that the Edin:  
one, altho' somewhat unsuitable from its size, must  
be disposed among the others as best she can. I buy

This usual train. Rose Ancher has  
come, without invitation, to pay us a visit.  
Mr & Mrs Stewart arrived last night. Mr  
Bayne from Pictou is expected on Saturday,  
& Mr Forbes the new professor is supposed  
to be nearly on this side & is also invited  
to be our guest until he finds lodgings.

All this seems rather unfortunate as I am  
more easily tired by talking & exertion than  
by a good long walk. They take matters  
easy. Anne continues to take charge of marketing  
& table arrangements. I take charge of letters  
& houses, altho' I cannot say I have done much  
of any thing except instruct a new servant. We  
have got in a few preliminary affairs.

I received your very kind account of James  
Murray. You wish many thanks. Please give  
I am just pouring my sympathy for you until  
the beginning of October. When you will have  
returned to your solitary life. Should you continue  
with Mr. Grist I will in spirit be able to hold

no one here knows anything about this  
to get the group; if at all nicely done I expect a great  
deal of pleasure from its possession. Your very has  
already been much admired. Some day, when you get  
a scholarship like William, you must present me  
with a Coloret Calicut sized likeness to put in  
its shadow. Anne is disappointed that I did not  
bring her some nice music when it can be got  
so cheaply in Edin. If you have the name of any  
songs or pieces you really admire. Keep them in  
mind - ask one of the girls in Edin to send you  
a Catalogue of the music kept at the "Musical Bazaar"  
& send them the number of one or two pieces I will  
try whether it pays to get them out by sample post.  
I have no doubt similar depots exist in London  
for the sale of pieces that have been used by professional  
players for a short time - G. P. int. knows. I am sorry  
if you have the opportunity of being in Scotland just  
without extending your travels there. All over the principal  
places you saw I know you spent your time. I thank  
Mrs. has returned to school at Park Lodge, Blackheath  
& Mr. Paton has settled there to send his boys to the same  
school. I don't know about Tom. But I sincerely believe  
will be able to tell you about him. I am sure Mr.  
Paton will be glad to see you. I don't wish to know about the  
School of Mines, but with much love I must subscribe  
or send you over  
Mother.