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Mrs & Misses & Mrs Mayor and

efficiently in many ways. She is a good
dear girl & loves you dearly. She had to try an
imitation from Prof. Wilson Toronto to accompany
papa when he goes there to lecture on the 23. All well
I intend her to go. With much love & many
My dear Mary

Thanks for your welcome letter & care of me
your loving mother I was very much gratified
with your nice letter of Nov received
on Wednesday. We were unusually thank-
ful to have of your continued health.
partly because the fog & dull cold rains
of a London Autumn are trying & partly
I think because we have had such
an unusual number of deaths among our
acquaintances here. More of them young people
two of them young men living from home
which calls up a certain nervous feeling
about one's own loved & absent one. One
of these was a Mr. Gauskey - a Toronto man
on a visit here two weeks ago - & familiar with

with several of our intimate friends. He had Colds while here became suddenly worse at Bellville & died before his parents reached him. I think you knew Mr. Hartley of the Geo. Turney. He was in Pictou on Turney business. Was seized with inflammation of the bowels & died - I believe - in Mr. Ross's house. His parents reached Pictou the morn after his death. I could continue the list but as they were people unknown to you I will require much explanation. I believe the practical application is do not take for granted that health is a usual daily blessing but one to be guarded & sought after with diligence. To be thankful for day by day as the mercy is renewed. Mr. Scott was dining with us last night. He mentioned that they have a number of relatives in London & that his Mother had returned to Edin. Wm

out with entertaining friends while in the
 neighbourhood. I think it so kind of
 you continuing to write to Rankin &
 me. I hope you will overlook this
 apparent carelessness - you know they are
 partly busy & partly forgetful at the time a few
 available minutes are offered. I have just
 been interrupted by Mrs. Baynes wanting
 to know if I wd. buy part of a lot of nice
 Turkey's sent by Mr. George B. part payment
 of debts he owes his mother. I have taken
 3 beauties & oh how much I wd. like to
 send one to Mr. Gust to coast for my
 dear son George. when I think of the
 reputation of bacon & your hushes you get
 I feel distressed to enjoy my good whole
 dinner. but I must tell you what I do
 enjoy. watching the green tips of tops of the
 hyacinths you sent & waiting for their completion.
 (P.S. excuse this blatter letter!)

I have them in the large pear-shaped
 pot, on a the round table in one of the
 windows of our bedroom. In both
 windows I have a hanging birch-bark
 basket with ferns brought by the children
 from Murrey Bay. We have again green
 grass, mild weather - hardly a trace of snow.
 I am writing to Mrs. Pimrose & sending some
 Autumn leaves. Is there anyone you wd. like
 to give some to? It is quite a disappointment
 the new law about sample post. We were
 surprised & very much pleased to be got
 had put William's notice of the Aurora in
 "Nature". There is to be an entertainment at
 the Collyer on the 20th to thank donors. The
 arrangements for which in the matter of
 refreshments & decorations are in my hands. I
 hope it will pass off well. 500 invitations. Rather
 formidable! Notwithstanding let me conclude
 by thank assuring you I am on the whole
 taking marks easy this winter. Anna helps