

Montreal January 6<sup>th</sup> 1911.

Mr P. Rapin

My dear Mr. Rapin

My dear George

On Saturday we  
 received your budget for which a  
 thousand thanks. Especially for your  
 letter which is always looked forward  
 to from week to week & thank fully  
 welcomed. As hitherto they have brought  
 good news of you. The Xmas Cards  
 were very nice. R. D. L. have quite a  
 collection of them. I've sent them very  
 nice ones with several verses of sacred  
 poetry on each. I gave mine the one  
 marked for her & enclosed Mrs Stewart  
 at once. The mail being so late it could

Archie Saylor continues to improve. He has the bandage removed from one eye yesterday & sees a little with it. It will be a month before he is allowed to look from both. Poor boy the holidays have been sad ones for him.

The weather on Monday was as fitful as an April day. Alternate snow flurries & sunshine not much below the freezing point since we have had our coldest temperature. Today it is  $12^{\circ}$  below zero & the River is at last frozen. The English mail is not in & I have been somewhat disappointed at not receiving a letter from Anna. I think she should return next week. I shall be glad to have her safely home. The trains are now taking nearly 24 hours to come from Toronto. A letter from Maggie Anne regrets much missing you in London. She seems a little home sick. Monday notwithstanding its fitfulness in weather brought about the same number of visitors, but it was rather dull work.

in his work & reading. His friends say  
~~that~~ when at the School of Mines he  
sometimes studied the whole night in  
the morning took a bath & off again to his  
lectures. Others say that he has inherited a  
predisposition to insanity. However that may  
be Paper thought him a very promising  
young man. He lately read an elaborate  
& carefully compiled paper on the useful  
phosphates of Canada. I always liked his work  
in the Survey very much. Paper found that  
that Mr Henderson who gave us some trouble  
is one of a family many members of which  
have been silly & insane. I don't if not  
three drowned themselves. I mean one was  
known to have done so suicidally the other two  
were drowned under suspicious circumstances  
He has been around the building since  
I spoke of him but has not come to the  
house. He has been spoken to very threateningly  
& seems to be frightened so we can only  
hope we have seen the last of him.

not reach her even by New Years day  
I have not at present her address. They  
have left the house they occupied on St  
Johns I were boarding. It is a long time  
since she wrote to me. So that I can  
only hope a letter I wrote some time ago  
addressed Care of Mr John Stewart. Shipbuilder  
St. Johns in Brunswick has reached her.  
I think you ought to thank her for the  
money she sent to you. taking chance that  
this address will find her. Another  
year should see her spared. I would  
be glad if you wd send a Card or  
other sign of remembrance to the Browns  
they are such true friends I speak so often  
of you. Mrs Carpenter too never forgets you.

I have a sad tale to tell you of poor  
young Mr Brown. who has become insane  
I is now confined temporarily in a private  
room in the Hospital. Dr. Campbell  
says brought on by one year in his

for both parties without arms  
After so many winters the quiet evening we  
usually spend after New years day is always  
a dull one to me. I tried to comfort myself  
a little by picturing you at the Huxleys  
& hoping you were comfortably asleep  
after having had a happy time. I not  
until after I went to bed did it  
flash upon me that it was the  
Monday after & mas you were to dine  
with them. I must only hope some  
other kind spirit made that a pleasant  
evening for you. Nina has just paid  
us a flying visit to get a book to read  
as there is nothing going on & she has the  
two Misses Aylmer staying with her. She  
tells me she had a letter from Anne  
today who continues to enjoy her visit to the  
Wilson's. My hyacinths grow slowly there  
have now made their appearance. I fear  
the fourth is going to disappoint me.

Let me if you are giving me.

By this mail I am sending two books  
to Edin. one to Lina - "Manual Pract. & Theor"  
by a Montreal gentleman - Mr. Sanckham.  
The other a large well bound volume  
by Miss Rahutor - a sister of A. Rahutor  
one of the Governors of the College. Called  
"Smith's Law & Service." to Mrs. Ella. I had  
hoped to get some beautiful foreign humming  
birds Dixon Anderson had for sale which  
I will have sent but he has disappointed me.  
I was so occupied before before & was that  
it was impossible for me to attend to these  
presents sooner. I have not yet received my  
seventy price. Give my best wishes to Mrs. Priest  
I hope you attend to your dinner table  
in a satisfactory this winter. White tie. wrists  
hands &c. The mail for this week is not in.  
Wishing that I could speak rather than  
write my good wishes. believe me  
your affectionate

Mother.