

Montreal March 17<sup>th</sup> 1871.

My dear George

The Steamers from this side appear to make longer voyages than from Britain. The letters have not been later than Wednesday for some time. I at each arrival with joyful news from you a thanksgiving is offered for such continued mercy. You have not again referred to your vaccination or said whether it affected you. Should it have failed do not neglect to have it done again. I hope also you will not overlook my suggestion about taking a weekly bath at the most comfortable bathing house you can find.

I hope your visit to St. Barnabas notwithstanding its fine singing may have you to as great abhorrence of ritualistic doctrine as I have from seeing its effects upon the souls of my Bible-women's district. Mrs. Jacobs' great



has permeated every part of this district  
I led a large number of those ignorant  
souls into Communion with a form of  
Pledgers without the James. Only last  
week I got possession of one of the large  
pamphlets which he dispenses as a, "Rule of life"  
Containing the essential doctrines of the  
Mathis of Harts - resting salvation wholly  
on prayer & the Sacraments of the Church: beginning  
with baptismal regeneration & onwards through  
six more Sacraments which completes your  
salvation. Many of these now attend my  
meetings & I am often made to burn with  
indignation when I find poor struggling  
creatures with hardly bread to sustain the body  
cheated out of the bread of life which would  
comfort them now I give could they see  
clearly the completeness of the work of the  
Substitute a sure hope of eternal life. Altho'  
I do not believe intolerance of any kind likely to  
do these blind leaders of the blind any good I  
pray God day & night to show them light but  
more especially to deliver the simple ones from this —  
Blasphemous



Thank you for your description of the  
Albert Memorial. Judging from the part  
that was finished when I saw it I quite  
agree with you that the gilding & paint take  
from the substantial grandeur which our  
art lovers admire. I hope you received  
Galdwin Smith's lecture I mailed to you last  
week. I am too little of a politician that it  
would be presumptuous to give my opinion.  
Pope & other men here whose opinion I respect  
consider it a noble utterance on the events of  
1870. I perhaps you too may feel its force.  
We are too near France in Canada not to  
have had grave fears for the consequences should  
she have been successful in the struggle with  
Russia & glad in proportion to her humiliation  
even now Civil war is spoken of as a not  
unlikely result to flow from the Manitoba  
difficulties. Galdwin Smith is expected here  
Saturday & we are invited to dine with  
him on the evening of that day at the Stephens  
We have fixed Tuesday to invite him to dine  
with us I have my invitation written but



delay sending them until we make sure  
of his Company. our party includes the bishop  
July - May. The Malson's & Muffatts. & 80 other  
friends in the evening. I am overwhelmed  
with the responsibility of the situation.

Papa had a letter from Mr. Anderson today  
in which he asks especially for you. Mr. Raso from  
Pictou is here. & Mr. Quinn proposes to come to  
Montreal to see him. Clara Raso was married  
lately to one of the Spanier's of Pictou.

Rampine has caught a violent fit of  
Fignon = mania. He has got a pair of "bumblers"  
from Miss Lums. that have nearly upset his wits  
he is so delighted. A fortune is to be gained  
by this progeny. Even Continous to take great  
pleasure in his doves. The last pair have  
grown nicely. Eliza has them in the sewing  
room & allows them to fly through the room.

I had a letter on Wednesday from Mrs. Daniel  
Kemp telling me that Papa's influence with Mr. Sinclair  
on this behalf has got Daniel promoted. & his  
salary is to be increased at the end of the year. I wish  
we could do the same for P. Primeas. Nothing that  
Anna will give you other news which I purposely  
leave for her to tell me.

Yours most affectionate  
Mather