

Montreal October 18th

I received a note from
you yesterday with a blue
paper cover. also a
copy of the paper from
Cape Breton.

Mr. George

Had my silence
to you arisen from business
or neglect I never have been
utterly ashamed of myself; but
indeed it was quite out of
my power to command a spare
minute for anything beyond
the pressing claims of each minute
the pressure, at best the nervous
pressure, has passed away with
the departure of our distinguished
neighbor William Smith. whose society
has been charming. His sentiments

in so many things touch
 my own, & ~~thoughts~~ ^{thoughts} which with
 me have been instincts &
 unexpressed feelings he has
 brought out into the tangible,
 often from the historical point
 of view, & classified into great
 broad general principles beautifully
 illustrated by anecdote or story.

My superfluous regret has been
 your absence. How very little

I calculated when you said
 farewell in the darkness of early
 morning at Kewstons that it
 was to be for so long a time.

What an amount of wet & discomfort
 you must have endured & how

I received a note from

strange that one person after
 another should want your
 services. I thank you very much
 for the donations, they came to
 me in very good condition.
 I gave a share to Mrs Baynes
 & Mrs Carnish & Anna preserved
 the remainder. I hope you may
 enjoy many joys of the aforesaid
 during the coming winter.

The weather here is continually
 wet & people get into an early
 winter; our furnace has been
 lighted for a week.

Anna Ross & Miss Matheson
 lunched with us on Monday
 & if it is possible I will try

to ask them to dinner this week
before A. R. leaves for Quebec.
William thinks he is plain
that he declares & deprives him
of his usual appetite to sit
opposite to her.

I daresay Anne who wrote
this morning has told you of
Pina's misfortune. We are all
so glad to know she is recovering
with every prospect of retaining her
eyesight. There is a great S. School
Convention ~~has~~ also a teachers dinner
this week & Papa is waiting for
me to accompany him to one
of these meetings. I have written at
railway speed. Adieu of much
love from your Mother.