

Little Nellis,
Aug 11/78¹

Dear George,

I think very often
of you and Rankine; but
do not write often. It
seems hopeless to write till
we hear something of you;
and there is very little
to tell, as our life here
passes on so quietly. We
thought of you on your
birthday, and tried in
vain to think where
you might be and in
what circumstances; and
I believe I believe is Rankine's
birthday. May he have
many happy returns

is not settled
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of d. William is still
here and has been
doing up for publication
his paper on the Eastern
Canal of France.
He has not yet had
any definite answer
from France; and
we are told there is
another candidate
Monsieur Fumelle,
a Frenchman, named
Gullait. We shall
hope for the best,
and try to be
satisfied whatever

the result. I am writing
my little book on the
Speeches of Pease. It turns
out to me very interesting,
as the view of the matter
is somewhat new, and
I am working into it a
great number of new
facts. We shall soon
be beginning to think
of return to work at
Montreal, and I hope
that before that time
we ^{may} have some further
intelligence of you. It
is very trying to be so

I trust that we
can neither help nor
hear of you; and
I do hope that if
any chance occurs you
will give us a line,
even so short, to tell
of your whereabouts.

Many Pamphlets, Reports
we have come for you, among
others a large volume from
the U.S. Forest Commission.

We have a very pleasant
Society here at Methu of christians
and intelligent people, and
but for much rainy and
stormy weather, would
find time pass very agreeably.
We have had comparatively
little use of the boat, as

The weather has been
so wet and woful;
but wet though it is
the weather is more
pleasant than the dryness
of last summer.

Hope that Rankine
will have had enough
of Racking about 8 weeks
also him to sedentary
life for a while when
he returns, and that
you too will be prepared
to apply for a Cap.
Master and Wardens
field of Tobac when
you return.
May put a line

Great money shield and
guard you both, and
give you abundance of
all good, and bring
you in safety to us
again.

Mamma, Anna, Mr
William & Bernard send
all love and good
wishes, and many
kind friends inquire
for you and you
all kind regards.

Ever yours
Affectionate Father

J. Dawson