

Dr. Sats. Laramak. Pa:  
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Dearest George

I have not for many years received so many letters & Christmas Cards as I have this year, & having looked for cards or, something of the kind, these seemed ok as a return & truly pleased it has been an occupation to acknowledge them the most obligatory ones. Now, when too late, I have thought of photos of this place & intend to enclose to you one of part of the Avenue of live oaks, with this fringe of parasite called her-spanish Moss, that form one of the delights of Laramak. It is seen, in perfection, in this view of a large Cemetery named Banabenture.

You must excuse me if I have told  
 you this before - I have written so many  
 letters that I find it impossible to  
 remember where I write to my various  
 correspondents. I all this however is in-  
 tended as my apology for not having  
 written sooner to thank you for your letter  
 received about the middle of Decr, but  
 instead of writing paper to acknowledge it -  
 I now let me at once thank you for a  
 short letter written on the 25<sup>th</sup> & received here  
 today. It was most kind of you to  
 go to see Eve at such a time when you  
 could only stay such a short time & have to  
 suffer so much from cold. I earnestly  
 hope that the Chile you got on your  
 return journey has not left any ill results.  
 The English, as a nation, are certainly  
 stupidly Conservative in the matter of heating

been here, where there is so little cold  
 weather, they put on very fine artificial  
 heat for our use, but at once meet  
 any emergency - for instance, since the 24<sup>th</sup>,  
 off & on, there has been a <sup>very</sup> exceptional cold  
 wind & fog & I gave up the use of  
 the electric Cars to avoid the likelihood of  
 being chilled, when an English lady & gentleman  
 who sit at our table remarked one  
 day - "how clever these Americans are, we  
 have been 12 miles in one of the Cars today &  
 have been so warm & comfortable" - At  
 once we inquired the how, & they told us  
 they had met little cold air - stones that  
 made them as cozy as if they were in the draw-  
 ing room. Minute families in England, who  
 have lived in Canada, or seen the houses  
 of those who have, are, I believe, gradually

learning how to make themselves Com-  
 fortable. The cold here however (out-  
 side) has been working here as among  
 the more tender trees, shrubs & flowers.  
 The bananas are completely killed - there  
 are not many orange trees but the leaves  
 of these we see are somewhat blighted.  
 The <sup>blue guavas</sup> ~~Cornelias~~ are much injured & the  
 roses look as if quite uncertain whether  
 it is prudent to open their buds. Here  
 I think we, Canalians, feel livelier than  
 in the warm somewhat humid air of  
 Savannah & we have been discussing  
 the desirability of a change but the where-  
 to seems to take sometime to decide. The W.  
 Indies paper will not take into account  
 & after careful investigation I advocate  
 Augusta or rather a suburb - 2 miles dis-  
 tance called Summerhill, situated upon

a sandhill high & dry, & only 18 miles  
 from either one of the celebrative health  
 resorts. It only costs \$4 to go to Summerice  
 so we need not hesitate to change again  
 when we think we can do better. Papa  
 however inclines to go south to St. Augustine  
 & I wait to know what he decides. We  
 shall not I think remain here beyond  
 the 13<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. St. Augustine, as you may  
 know, is bounded E. & W. by rivers & an  
 island shuts out the sea breeze & it is  
 said to be quite as humid as Savannah.  
 This may be as if we were at Loggerheads  
 about our course, it is not so we best  
 only mean to choose wisely & therefore discuss  
 the matter & we will I am sure be guided  
 to the best decision. We will make arrange-  
 ments that letters will be forwarded  
 from here. Papa has got on with

his writing to his great satisfaction  
 & has this morning sent back to Montreal  
 a large number of books & references that  
 are no longer needed. I quite like  
 your suggestion that he should he  
 should resume his autobiography. Writing  
 in the undisturbed way he can here  
 is any just pleasant occupation for  
 him. & I will do what I can to stimulate  
 him to gather what materials he requires.  
 He says it will give Bernard some  
 trouble to get what he requires but  
 he will I think be ready to oblige in  
 this. Papa tells me that he has submitted  
 the plan he has adopted to your criticism  
 & is ready to say if you approve. We  
 are reading together MacAulay's life & I  
 think it delightful to know his private

life & affairs & his family environment  
as it influenced his motives & actions  
& my fear is that paper will omit too  
much of this, then best takes with the  
general reader, & make it reading the  
suits only the few & those chiefly men.

The Cause seems to be very well spread  
paper has just come in with a newspaper  
which states that Austria has been  
beaten with a sword drawn through  
brains stopped &c. Paus Rankine  
complained of the bitter Cause of  
Paris & probably has gone to be met  
by an equal degree of Cause at Vienna.  
He hates the Cause in Montreal where  
at least the house was pretty comfortable  
& if he does not then become under  
garments than when in Montreal

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I think he is much easier - I think his mind is now, but  
last winter he may seriously injure  
his health. I am naturally much  
concerned as to what he is going  
to do. Australia or New Zealand  
might suit his sensitive constitution  
but it is very hard for parents to see  
their family so much divided, especially  
while they are in the preliminary struggles  
of trying to find a profession somewhere.  
I know you will do the best possible  
to give him sound advice. I don't probably  
find it pleasant work - get me all  
dependent upon a poor case upon you - hearing  
with propriety.  
I don't know what I have said of your father's  
doing, you will improve there is progress  
naturally - his legs swell and what he does  
is withered - strain, but I quite sure he can't  
have College work & I am very sure he can't go  
much before the close of this session if he can't be kept out of the run of things if possibly by his position