

Mr. Maris
 was Governor of the
 N. W. Territories.

295. University St
 Montreal.

Tuesday night

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Dearest George

It goes without saying
 that I regret extremely to add to
 your already too long Quebec Cor-
 respondence, but I do not know
 how to answer this note from Mrs
 Maris. You may remember that her
 late husband, Alexander Maris, was
 a Governor of the Nile & while they lived
 in Montreal we were quite friendly
 with them, so that we would be
 glad if in any way we could oblige

queer letter today from a Mrs. Hutchins
 known in N.Y. as "Francis" & who is
 giving an entertainment here, consisting
 of singing original songs, recitations & dancing.
 She belonged to Maudslows in her girl-
 days & claims to have often heard papa
 lecture. In twelve years experience as a
 poet, journalist, Editor, artist, & lecturer
 she has never met with a man whose
 humble Christian character gave him
 such power as thoughtful students, his
 very presence commending quiet & reverence.
 That he fulfilled what he once said
 in her hearing there, "a Christian's influence
 shall he carry into his lecture room or his
 concert hall" - these three remarks have stuck

with her less time & her help
 to keep her pure & to aim in all she
 did, whether when in a Court train
 or a halber short skirt, to ~~be~~^{have} a tally
 of good birth & education. She sends
 him tickets for her entertainments &
 asks that for her sake he will
 be present. I wish I had not attempted
 to tell this story. I have made it plain
 & prosaic instance of duty & pride of
 birth.

Clara still keeps her bed - precautionary
 as she has not had further pain. but
 it is most tiresome to be thus restricted
 both in action & diet.

As always with much love from
Mother