

293. University St.
Montreal.December 16th
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My dear George

Thanks for officious
 letters & their answers duly
 received. I have more wait
 to be answered, but will try —
 by following the most appropriate
 of ² answers, to do so wisely myself.
 By today's English mail I have
 21 more letters — 53 in all. It is
 overwhelming! More of the previous
 ones are answered, but 257 Cards
 await the coming of the booklets.
 When Anna & I will discriminate

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Whether a Curu or huakhi will
be the best return to the individuals
addressed.

In Anna's letter you ask if I
have thought of Dr. B's books.
At the time father gave a complete
set of his works bound per book
of our children, he gave an extra
set for any emergency & ~~that~~ thought
that no one would more fully appreciate
& make use of these than Dr. B.

I accompanied these with as
kind & grateful a note as possible
& the intimation that he must con-
sider them as a gift from Dr. himself
& also, as delicately as I could, thanked him
for

professional services I asked
 him for his account. Mrs B.
 answered on his acct I said
 they wd all share the pleasure
 the books wd give. I have been happy
 now & when alone by reading them.
 That Dr B. was going to Cuba & give
 his personal appreciation of the gift.

Amongst the letters today there is one,
 most kind, fr. the Marquis of Lorne.
 Another fr. Dr Cane. who lately called
 on father. I had a delightful talk
 with him. He is well known & is
 Principal of an English College. Dr
 Barry, Mullens, Reid & other geological
 friends also write. One fr. Eva

tells of Silvio's continued improvement
 Anna & I are going for a drive so I
 must close this scribble.

Affectuously
 Mother

Please thank for help of mine.