293 University St
Montreal. January 11th 1900.

My dear George

In your last note you say, you think you have been negligent in writing, it is I who have been so & I shall use your apology as suiting my own circumstances — always something there anyhow to be done at once & which can wait left to write. Business matters are not yet settled — only Mr Abbott tells me that the Government has acknowledged the transfer of stocks legitimate & therefore exempt pr duty, the "succession" duty will now not exceed three hundred dollars, but

the red tape connection with the transaction has to go on a little longer. Then Mr Schutt's bill, which I have asked to see, will, I hope, be the last of these large ones. He tells me in regard to Father's publishers that it will be unnecessary to send them copies of his will, but desirable to write to each — stating that I am sole executor, & I shall be glad if you will be so good as do this first time you come here. I have noticed that Macmillan & Co have failed. The last notice of remittance due Fr there was dated Dec 8 the sum $17-8cs. With Thomas's help I have made a little progress towards arranging Father's Chester publications, each packet under its individual ~~title~~ hoping this will facilitate whatever further you may do

I have also got Magazines sorted & many, that I was sure did not require to be kept, bundled ready to send off. While in looking over contents of Cases found quite a number large card photos of father & have got three framed & sent, one each, to Miss Peterson, Mrs Dewey & Miss Gardner, besides giving two framed ones to Miss Lunn & Miss Campbell. I am enclosing you what Anna & I think a very fine specimen of ~~[illegible]~~ photo from the photo taken for the oil painting by Lycett Eaton. Probably the little arrow might work. It is to go direct for Watmans, so please explain the ~~[illegible]~~ arrangement.

In reference to the talk we have about the preparation of father's biography I enclose a note I have received from Yankine. I have been trying to get light so as to have an

opinion about where we'd be best, here it is they point. One obstacle is removed by his offering to come out & a substantial reason for accepting his offer is that the occupation m^ay be useful & cheer for himself. His enforced idleness is most trying & I fear he is becoming despondent. I hope to stay them by making it clearly understood that he must willingly submit to criticism & any other restrictions that you m^ay deem it advisable to put on him that he w^ld be faithful to promises made. You fully understand that if you were more at leisure I unhesitatingly w^ld prefer your doing it & if Anna were at leisure I think possibly she w^ld carry the home-life better. But as I know so little there is useless to say her mention you of a plan that commends itself to me. At Mrs's last year a young man said about Glo & Margaret

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Spending night summer with us.
I cd go there at middle of May, & how
wd it do if R. & G. were to prepare to join
me there early in June when, perhaps,
you cd spare a few weeks after
your study hours started on this various
quests. At that time the outside world
is delightfully quiet & peaceful & I hope
that you will believe me when I
say that I can arrange not to
interrupt you, or so far as I have
a right to control others will not
allow any one else to do so. If this
peaceful & unbelieving Miss Noble I
am sure wd provide for you in her
private boarding house & you cd take

dinner & tea at our Cottage. Does this not seem inviting? In such an arrangement you could practise off such part of the work to R. as you thought he could bear. I do not know whether any preliminary steps could be taken by R. to facilitate this plan for the summer. In my area to a publisher have you seen any of the best later books for the Revell Co's press in Toronto? I fancy they are doing good work now. If they would give an estimate & promise to issue the book by a date fixed upon it would give less trouble and it may save them the tiresome pauses in corresponding with London.

Ever most affectionately,

Mother

I send by last post of thoughts sent R. & G. to us now planning to make an arrangement about their leaves so as to have our decision not influenced by their plans.