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8, GERALD ROAD,
EATON SQUARE.

Nov^r 30^e 1900.

Dear George,
Your letter

Nov^r 18^e, has just
reached me; & I
hasten to reply —

What strikes one
at once is that, from
beginning to end, no
reference is made ^{by you}
to Father's wishes, which

2, he took pains
to express many times verbally
& to leave definitely

expressed in writing.
This seems to me the crux of whole matter.
What I was

staying with him, as
I did for 2 months,
shortly before his death,

he had this little
book, "Fifty Years of
Work in Canada," very
much at heart. He

knew exactly what he
wanted done with it!!
& spoke to me about it many times.

3) He realized that

ROAD
GERALD ROAD
FOURTH SOUTH
You would have
little or no time to
devote to it; & he
made me promise, —
which I did most willingly
— that I w^d see it done
in the manner he desired,
& as soon as c^d be arranged

A promise of this
kind, made to one who
can no longer personally
exact its fulfilment,
appeals to me as one of

The most sacred en-
gagements which can
be entered into between
one man & another,

Rather than not keep
it, in letter & in spirit,
(as exactly as possible as he
wished), I w^d sacrifice
anything most dear to
me on earth, as e.g. the
d. friendships & affection of
my wife & child.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
Rankine.