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293. University St.
Montreal.

Jan'y-25th 1901.

My dear George

Thank you for
your letter with its enclosure
of one or a half dollars, in postal
notes, a thing I had not heard
of before. There seems to be some
complicated rules to learn, but
when known, it is a convenient
& safe way to transmit small
sums. You must not, however,
always stop in to pay my debts.
This time I thank you as it has

remained a difficulty. I wrote, I think, a kind letter to Mr Primrose & thanked him in your & my own name for his attention to the lot, & as your suggestion said, we wd. be greatly indebted if he wd. carry out whatever plan he thought best to make it tidy &c.

It is most remarkable how personal my own sorrow is on account of the death of the Queen & how tender and responsive must be, then to the exclusion of any personal trouble. With, I fancy, ^{most} a touch of jealousy that one has not quite the same right to be seen as the

as the person who addresses, an
 has. The fire of last night, however,
 may have broken this tone for when
 the extent of it became known
 gentle & simple plucked to see it.
 Bernard drove down & quite down.
 I at no reception. Oh! they have met
 many friends. To see a magnificent
 new building, like the Banca of Venice,
 blazing to ashes was sad, but as
 a heap of magnificent! Without
 knowing what was burning Anna
 & I looked at the fire from her attic
 window. I suppose as a "sight"
 gave allowance fire was still, perhaps,
 Curran has been in bed for a few
 days.

I think with an influential Call
 not at all a bad one. The heads
 of whole families ill. The others ^{of our family} are all
 well including self, & very comfortable
 altho during our Coldest weather
 not over warm. Without a good
 gas fire which I incline ^{to} prefer.

I had a talk with Rankine to-
 day & find he takes a strong stand
 upon the fact that, when you &
 he parted it was understood that
 the best that could be done with
 father's M.S.D. had been done, that
 it only remained to carry out his
 wish to have it published strictly
 as his own autobiography & that

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as soon & ~~there~~ as soon after
his death as possible — so in
accordance with a solemn
~~a solemn~~ promise he had
made to put this, when at Paris
in 1899 that, if you had not time
to do it then he would attend
to it, & he believed he was
bound to complete the transaction.
These circumstances gave occasion
to demand & suggest changes &
delay — But I trouble while
I write. I am so afraid

of conveying wrong impressions.
I am incapable of giving a synopsis
correctly, of what may be called a
discussion, altho the above are
two of the leading impressions left
with me. I need also having
asked, if the biography had been
printed but other things slipped
in & I did not get an answer.

Thank you for your kind thoughts
about Mrs. Peepers. She is rather
improving & I do not forget your
message to her. Now don't George
accept my abiding love & gratitude
for all your kindness & make my peace
as far as possible. Mother

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