

M^r Gill College.
Montreal.

My dear George

If you have thought
of me at all in connection with
the mass-agates you left in my care
you will think that I am slow indeed
in rendering an account of my steward-
ship — this in part I admit, yet I have
been five times to Bailly the jewellers
before I found him in. The price
he asked for setting the stones in gold
was \$20. & I doubt think this was an overcharge.
Comparing it with other similar
things I have at various times had

~~done~~, but I do think it is a great
 deal of money to expend upon an
 ornament of the kind, so I have
 taken the liberty of carrying out a
 design wh: Eva & I conceived. They are
 to be set in a pair of silver shoo-
 buckles I had lying useless & to be double
 gilt, which will be good for twenty
 years, & are to cost \$4. I expect them
 to look quite unique & pretty. I hope to
 receive them this week & we shall be
 very glad if you could conveniently
 come down this week as we are all
 longing to see you, & you will I hope have
 the pleasure of giving them to the recipients.
 I am sorry on your account for
 Delugan's illness - doubtless it has hindered

your mark in your own department.

Lucy has nearly completed a portrait
head of me & that is another thing
in which we greatly want to have
your criticisms. She has found it
very difficult & it has occupied the greater
number of our mornings for a month
past.

Your father is kept in a flutter of
meetings & entertainments generally over
the plans for the disposal of the large
benefactions given by Mr & Mrs Hancock.
I fear one large building will be
put at the East end of our garden
with all looking good wishes
Believe me ever to be
your affectionate
Mother.

Wednesday

~~There is a great deal of money to be spent upon the Government of the United States, and the object of such expenditure is to improve the condition of the people, and to extend the sphere of their intelligence. It is not to be used for the purpose of gratifying the passions of the few, or of supporting the interests of the powerful. It is to be used for the benefit of the whole, and for the promotion of the public good.~~