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McGill College.
Montreal.

March 18, 1885

Dear Auntie,

We were all
delighted with your letter to
Helene from ~~London~~^{Hong Kong} but pleased
to find that you had not
received the numerous spiritless
from Mamma, Anna, Eva &
deaf, which had been sent
at various times, at and
before the New Year. However
to-day received your second
letter from Hong Kong, showing
that you had at least
received letters from me and
from Eva, I hope others may
meet you on other parts
of your homeward route,
Many changes in the

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Ms. A. 1. 1. 1. 1.
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Great and little worlds
 have been taking place
 since you left England.
 The former you will learn
 for yourself. Of the latter
 a melancholy one is the
 death of Mrs. Bird, the
 wife of the art-teacher.
 Mrs. Carpenter also has
 and mamma has been ^{proceeding} much ^{trier} with her
 been very ill. I hope she
 may get through, but it
 will be a narrow escape
 if she does. * College and
 other matters are much
 as they were, except that
 Mr. Donald C. Smith has
 * she is better to day and we hope
 on the mending way

increased his endowment for
education of women to
\$120,000, which will get
up quite a college for women.

Mamma and Lucia
talking a few days ago about
the chances for medical
work in Montreal. My own
impression is that there
is no good chance, if you
care to return here, and
of course we should be
delighted to have you
near us.

In my last letter I
mentioned the telegram I
had received as to the
presidency of the Inst. Aff.

The mail has been very late
this week, delayed by
snow-storms between Halifax
and here; but I hope
before closing this to have
a letter, and if so shall
mention what the prospects
are. If I have to go to
England again in 1886, and
you are still making head-
quarters there, I may perhaps
hope to see you. In any case
I should much like to know
your precise views as to re-
maining longer in the steamer,
or going in for a more
settled life. The autumn of
1886 is however a long way in
advance, and no one knows what
may occur in the mean time. I shall
keep this open, in hope of adding a
postscript as to the prospects,
Ever yours affectionately
Wm Dawson

P.S. I have received a letter
from Annie as to Oct after,
The meeting is to be in end
of Aug or beginning of Sept
1886 at Birmingham; and I
believe it will be necessary to
accept the presidency, I shall
probably if I go take mamma
& Eva over and possibly Anne
may go to visit her friends,
but all this is of course a mere
perhaps. I should probably go
over in Aug or early in Sep
and return here immediately
after the meeting to be in
time for my college work.
Of course all this with the
usual caveat that no one knows
what a day may bring forth.

