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Dear Rankine,

After a very
busy and anxious week,
I got down on Sunday
afternoon & read you
my good wishes and
kind regards, and
expressed my hope that
(if this suits your interests
and pursuits) we
may have the pleasure
of seeing you this
winter. When in Quebec
last week at college
camp, I met all 2

devotally with Waterhoff
Mr Lee. He said he
had seen you recently;
and I asked him
to call on us when
in Montreal; but he
has not turned up,
being as I understand
preoccupied with some
engagements for Arbestos
properties. He seemed
to be looking after
some of the deposits
which exist in the
Lancevauve country at
Templeton, but about
the value of any value
in comparison with those

on the Eastern Tranships;
but he did not seem
to know the differences

You have no doubt
heard of Captain Suddell's
sudden death, — wreck
of his steamer by a
sea. All the steamers
lately have had terrible
weather, and some
big ones have been
heard of only to-day.

We heard yesterday
of the sudden collapse of
the Barings, which I hope
will not cause any serious
panic, though there have
been fears for months of
some such result of the

many wild enterprises, which
have been an ~~evil~~ ^{evil} in
London & New York, along
with the disturbance ^{of trade} ~~of~~ ^{causing}
of the "McKinley" bill. It is
strange what madness gets
into the hearts of even
the ablest men when they
give themselves up to the
mere pursuit of gain. The
fall of the Burings and of the
great Republican leaders in the
United States are signal instances
with all our traitors, and
they are many, in college
matters. I am thankful
that we are not in the
current of politics and
finance. All that
hurtles in is that our 2

vention is the Shrinkage
 from little savings, and
 the increased cost of living,
 and we can stand these
 things up to a certain
 point.

Serge is with us today,
 He has in prep a paper
 on British Columbia which
 will greatly increase his
 reputation, at least I hope so,
 I had to spend all last
 Sunday (a rare thing with
 me) on the house and
 employed the time in writing
 my little book on "Societies"
 for a new edition which
 the publishers wish for.
 William is still working
 things with his papers
 at his C. P. R. arbitrations
 Anna and Florence

and the children all
well. It would be
a great pleasure to them
all to have you with
us at Christmas or New
Year; but if that cannot
be we shall have perhaps
the pleasure of knowing
that you can be with
us other about our son
when we all visit every
day, and especially mamma
who has hardly got got
back to her old habits
of shifting for herself.

May God keep you
Dear Rankine and cause
his face to shine on you in
every way.

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Yours ever
Madawson