

To London

(Meadin Hotel)

McGill College,
Montreal.

May 8, 1893

Dear Rankine,

I should have written to you earlier, but for the wish to tell you all I could on matters in which you may be interested.

The return to Montreal has done us no harm, though we have had several days of rain. Friends & students have received us quite triumphantly, and all our affairs seem going on prosperously, so much on the right side, on the other, I have

I read that Mamma is
not able to resume house
keeping unless she can find
some one to manage
for her, and she has not
yet succeeded in this. As
to myself, Blackader has
had a careful examination
of me. He thinks my chest
quite well, and is dealing
by bandages & medicine with
the foot = swelling. He says
however that my heart
has not recovered from
the shock of last autumn,
and is of opinion that
I should not resume any
serious college work, as
by doing so I could risk
a sudden break = down.

My own feelings agree with
this, as though quite as well
as ever in my life. When
quiet, I find that a little
excitement, whether physical or
mental, tells on me in
a way it used not to
do. For these reasons, while
I am doing what I can
to finish up the session's work,
and to prepare for the
next, I am not desirous
to continue over next
session of the Governor can
believe me. I have placed
myself in this matter in
their hands, expecting the
desire to be relieved, but
willing to risk something if
they cannot immediately see
their way to a measure.

Their meeting on the 28th
of this month must decide
as to this.

Our friends Galt and
Abbott seem hopelessly broken
down, so far as any public
work is concerned.

At the Hospital Board
meeting yesterday, Crash, Roddeh,
Stewart and Holman were ap-
pointed as a Medical Board,
more especially to advise as to
hospital fittings, employees, etc.
There are 80! applicants for
the position of head nurse,
so there is keen competition in
that quarter.

I see you have drawn
for only £50 as yet, but suppose
you will soon need the second,
which there is money to meet.
If you find yourself cramped for
passage or, please write or
cable "Jauron College" and I shall
limit what I can. Eva writes

that you say to her that you
 may have to remain in
 London some time yet; we
 may require more money.

The prospect is that we
 may have to remain in
 the Windsor till we
 are able to go to Paris
 or somewhere for the summer,
 and Anna is packing up
 for removal; but if you
 come out, we can get
 you a room here, and as
 you, like ourselves, have been
 accustomed to be a pilgrim
 and stranger on the earth,
 you will not find this an
 uncomfortable. I may add
 that in Hospital matters, though
 Abbott is laid up, Angus
 seems to have taken hold
 in his stead, and seems
 pushing matters on toward

Am early opening, there
is to be another meeting
on Friday, after which I
may send you news.

Stirling has bought the
Dunford ^{Island,} house, and is going
to build. It is reported that
he bought a property on
Cute des Neiges Hill and
changed his mind, but
continued to make \$6000
on his purchase.

Mamma sends all
love and good wishes and
so do I. George writes that
he is whif to be delayed till
end of May. Truly yours

J. M. Dawson

P.S. Mamma says that visitors
and consultations with Anna and
Genevieve about our affairs and theirs
have occupied her entirely, & she would
have written herself.