

To London

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Dear Rankine,

Christmas is over and gone, and we had an usual soft-frog for the children and dinner in the evening, with George, Huntington, Anna, Clara, Ruth, Conrad & Bernard, and a wild turkey for piece de resistance, enabling me to appreciate the difference between the wild bird with its large pectoral muscles and the domesticated, with breast muscles depauperated from disuse. Carpie also was with



Savings, in aid of your  
Comfort in London till  
some profitable work turns  
up or until you make  
up your mind to quit some  
where for good and all.  
Since you graduated, at least  
a dozen of our men, without  
Capital or many friends,  
have settled in Montreal  
alone, and are earning a  
living, some of them rapidly  
becoming rich as wealth  
goes here, I am told we  
have about 50 of our  
junior men in New  
York and as many in  
Chicago, some of them making

more than \$20,000 a year  
while you men of science,  
like George and myself and  
William, have to be content  
with stipends of little more  
than a tenth of the  
amount. If you were to settle  
and stick to it, I have  
no doubt in less than five  
years you would have an  
income larger than that of  
all the members of the  
family in this county including  
Bernard. You are our proprietors  
Millinaire, and even in case  
of Cleveland's war materializing,  
while all manufacturers and  
Capitalists or financial operators  
lined up to the wall, Medical  
Men would be at a premium.  
You do not realize your privileges,

In case you have any U. States  
 investments, I hope you were  
 not affected by the late wai-  
 panic. So long as the govern-  
 ment of the United States con-  
 sists in charge of an arbitrary  
 depending on the voice of the  
 mob for its sentence, its foreign  
 policy will be shaped by the  
 exigencies of the Irish and  
 foreign vote in the presiden-  
 tial and local elections. The  
 property interests and intelligent  
 people have no say, until  
 provoked by some rash  
 action already consummated.  
 English people should beware  
 of this and should cease to  
 hunt in a pro-dull which is  
 confined to a small number  
 and has no share in determining

I enclose a memo which came here addressed to me.

look at all this as an  
outrage. In Canada we  
may feel it more sensibly,  
but the U.S. would feel  
Canada a tougher moral than  
in 1812, and we could perhaps  
maintain our credit better than  
they. I do not know how  
ever why I should write to  
you on such matters.

We all send loving re-  
membrances and hope that  
you may have <sup>had</sup> a merry  
Christmas at Rock Ferry  
and will have a happy new  
year. We are well, though  
both mother and I feel the  
growing step of old age, and  
realize more and more the  
near approach of the time when  
we must put off this tabernacle.  
Ever yours  
J. M. Dawson