

To London

McGILL UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES
ACC. NO. 976/12
REF. 11

McGill College,
Montreal.

July 14/96

Dear Rankine,

Your happy news
of last week came as
a sudden surprise, and
though I have left it to
your mother to write, you
have my sincere congratulations.

I write here because,
from a letter received yesterday,
I learn that you were to
leave London on July 1st,
so that my letter of
the 24th enclosing £4 =

W. Hill Collins
Bankers

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Change for £50 could
scarcely have reached you,
and may not be received
in England till after
you have sailed. In that
case the money may have
to remain in the hands
of the bankers till your
return, in which case an order
to have it paid into
your bank. I have notified
Messrs Weirs here, of whom
I bought the draft, so
that these bankers will

Know the reason of the
delay if there is any.

I made this ^{re-}
mittance, as your position
at the time seemed ^{so}
uncertain; but now that
your prospects are so def^{er-}
rent, I hope you will be
able to lay it by for a
marriage gift. In any
case advise me so soon
as you receive the letter,
that I may have no
anxiety respecting the safety
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which I have a very cordial
 invitation, and to have re-
 mained till the meeting of
 Port. Assoc. in Liverpool on Sept 14.
 In present circumstances we
 must be very care abated
 the idea of going in Spring;
 and if you and your bride
 can make the voyage to Month
 a marriage trip, we shall
 hope to receive you here and
 to have you with us either
 here or at Metz, till you de-
 cide on a permanent residence,
 or until we can leave for
 England. In the mean time
 I must try to meet some
 engagements still remaining on
 our new house & lot, for as to
 be as far as possible to give any
 help to you that I can.

What I wish to impreg on you

is that anything I can do for
you will depend not only on
my life & health, but on
early knowledge of your plans;
as an ignorance of these
we might, with the best
intentions, make serious
mistakes, in regard to our
own arrangements.

I had some fears that
the crisis in Ottawa might
unsettle William's position, and
oblige him to look for
other employment; but
the news this morning is
favourable for a settlement.

Wishing you a good voyage
and happy return

Remain

Yours ever

J. M. Dawson