

To Gerald Road
London Eng,

293 University St
Montreal.

Oct 10, 1898

Dear Raouene,

I thank you
very much for your letter
of Sept 25, though it
does not convey any definite
& very cheerful idea of
your present professional con-
dition and prospects,

Your sympathy with
me in my "depression"; but
in so far as I have any
depression, it is that of
bodily weakness, not with
reference to anything future &
higher than ~~the~~ ~~existing~~ ~~out~~
those ~~growings~~

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of the bodily frame after
 it has endured much pain
 & hard work for more than
 77 years, 7 years more
 than we allotted, three score
 and ten. So I have no
 right to be discontented, and
 through the atonement of my
 dear Saviour, I can look
 for something better to succeed
 this present transient world.
 As to the end of the world
 itself: - This I believe (as the
 Romans in human arrange-
 ment of the world) is near
 its end, and a very bad
 one too; but I do not

keeping connect this with
 Aunt's old saying, as I
 think the prophecy runs
 that the present ^{is} ~~is~~
 and their diplomacy will
 be cleared away before this
 great event (I am referring
 here partly to your later
 letter ^{of the 30th Sept} received this morning
 and which Mother has
 carried off with her, for
~~the~~ ~~Rochester~~ but will ^{bring} ^{back}
^{back} ^{before} I finish ^{this}
 You say truly that
 God's times and seasons
 are not like ours, and
 when you speak of failures
 and disappointments,

You should think of them
of our dear Lord and
Saviour himself. He lived

for ³⁰ ~~thirty~~ years in obscurity,
aimless toil, & poverty, and
then struggled for three
years with a wicked priestly
antagonism, only to be increased
and crucified. That was
in the course of one life
much the same with
the apparent triumph of the
apostasy in history, and
with the Magyars always on
the side of Bolshabevs, as
we see it even yet. Still
we may have faith that
God will make all things new,
and we shall see this in the
future eternal life, if not in the
present temporal one.

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As to your own affairs
 you should take stock of
 what God has given you
 for this world and that
 to come, as against the
 evil, which being wholly
 to Satan's devices, if
 united to our own mistakes
 & accidents,

1. You have your dear
 wife and child two golden
 treasures to this mortal scene, and
 full of happy duties and
 pleasant thoughts,

2. You have your
Profession, an honorable &
 disagreeable one if you will,
 but in some senses the
 noblest of all, and you

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May have some little
savings from that work in
it, and some connections
and prospects for the future
either in your present line
of things, or in settled practice
in England or Canada.

3. I'm struck here in
mind how very serious,
god-did, dangerous and
precious almost every
man's labour is, from that of
the Premier down to that
of the poorest underground
coal cutter. You have
me to thank for a moment
to realize this. It is the
down of fallen humanity

from the days of Job
downward. But what
old patriarch could say
that if he compares his
case to God in prayer,
and that God's wonders
works are unnumbered
and unsearchable. We can
say more, for Jesus has
shown us how to triumph
over the world, and he
is willing to receive us
with no other qualifications
than that of being needy,
sinners or backsliders.

I thank you for
your kind suggestion as
to my case. Black Kader

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and Stewart have given
me some preparation of
Iodine which I take regularly
and which has certainly done
good, but I shall mention
to Miss Blackader when
I see her the chromium
Bromide which you mention.

I thank you very
much for your further
suggestion of a ^{short} holiday
for Mother. She needs it
I am sure, though there
are difficulties in the way.
George stopped over for an
hour or two late evening
on his way from N. Boston
to Ottawa, and they had
a row = row over it with

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Anna over the matter,
I had to go to bed
before it was over; but
will no doubt learn
soon what was decided
of anything.

I may add finally
dear Rankine that
both Mother and I are
very much struck with the
ability you display in your
latest letter to her just
received and shall pray
that your varied and
great gifts may have
good and profitable issues.

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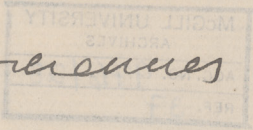
provided for them, We
have now little power
to aid in anything but
if you can advise us
if you prefer and
wishes shall be happy
to do what we can.

The main thing to
consider is not so much
personal interest as duty
and usefulness to others.

~~There is~~ and the glory of
God. There are the main

springs of true success.

Have written as much
and as well as strength
(or weakness) permits.



Kindly excuse deficiencies
and believe me

Yours affectionate
and ever
faithful Father
Grandson