

Well at St Agatha,  
good letter but a little sad,

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Dearest & youngest,

Such a wonder-  
ful spectacle over the trees  
every branch so covered  
with thick ice - Last night  
many branches fell. &  
we saw one electric pole  
near Sir G. Drummond,  
the heavy head of which  
had snapped the pole  
& then it was hanging in  
a tree & the live wires  
dangling - about 6 men  
were cutting up & removing  
branches from just aft  
Parise air church.

You must have been  
glad to see B. G. He does  
not look very well, poor  
lad he has very hard  
work, but he tackles it  
bravely. It gives me a pretty  
sore heart sometimes, when  
I see Robbie Fleet & Leith  
Sutherland & the other jolly  
College boys having College  
holidays - time about, & my

poor bed bent - with long  
tail into a weary man -  
Bill. I did all I could?  
paid all I could - to try  
& get him to learn enough  
to enter the College gates  
but he wd not then I was  
he cannot. If Eric had  
lived he & Con. wd have up-  
held the family tradition  
of able men well trained  
Even if you sat down &  
thought hard I don't believe  
you cd understand how  
utter this is to me. I don't  
care about money, or fine  
clothes, or dainty fare. but  
undisciplined children - Ah!!  
Just ask Dr Kemp - or Mr  
Hickson: or even Mr Dublin  
what use they think going  
to College is: & find out  
their idea =

Dr Broome is improving  
he is up in a wheeled chair  
an hour or two most  
days - he can read the  
papers a little - but not  
speak yet - & of course can  
not write. He seems

tolerably cheerful. I was  
surprised to hear the Inn  
was full. Do give me a  
list of the guests, & try &  
find out what they like  
to do -

I am sure you  
are tired of doing nothing  
to one with muscles like  
yours can brack being  
idle. Ask Dr Kemp to  
give you some work &  
he surely will.

I have written again  
to the man whose house  
was burned, to see if he  
is rebuilding & going  
on with his farm as now  
& I am making further  
inquiries about another  
man, but he is far off. & I  
don't like your being quite  
out of our reach. & no one  
responsible for you.

What about the man  
who you thought might  
coach you, is he still there  
& could he give you french or  
Arithmetic -

The day w<sup>d</sup> seem much

pleasanter if you made  
 it a rule to go to your room  
 & read half an hour each  
 day. your chapter in the  
 Intellencer & mark I gave  
 you & a few pages in any  
 sensible book. I will send  
 you your Physical Eng-  
 or History, if you like.

What have you read  
 since you left? I know  
 well the ache of idleness  
 is worse than the ache  
 of hard work:

Much love - I hope  
 you had a good service  
 in the little church today  
 I in every place a little bit  
 a big gathering who need  
 to remember the great  
 Friend. The big thing  
 in each day - Not to for-  
 get this Friend - & always  
 pray to him - How can I  
 tell what is best to do for  
 you, in this difficulty! Do  
 pray to God to show us  
 the right way - & then you  
 can walk in it - for good.  
 Lovingly  
 Mother