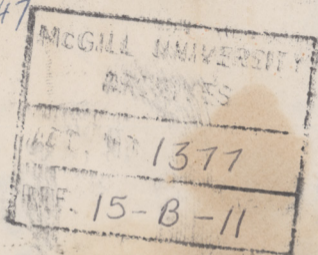


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Thursday evening

Dear Margaret

After we parted  
to day, I thought, as I  
had sent a message  
by your father, it would  
be as well to consult  
him as to the expediency  
of calling this evening.  
He said he had intended  
to invite me to come to-  
morrow evening; but as  
I told him that I was  
engaged to dine at Mr Boyds,  
and had to be at Mr John-  
ston's meeting in the evening,

he asked me to come  
on Saturday. I asked  
him to mention to you,  
that for these reasons I  
would not come out to  
night; I now write how-  
ever, lest he should forget, <sup>that</sup>  
and you should not  
know the reason of my  
absence.

The more I think  
of your mother's disposition  
and probable feelings,  
the more hopeful do I



become that she will  
yet treat me very leniently,  
and pardon my great  
presumption in asking  
her for her daughter,

Our conversation to day,  
though somewhat cheerful,  
was useful, since we touched  
on a great many things that  
may let us better know  
one another's views and  
modes of thinking. After  
leaving you however, my  
conscience did check me  
for being the means of

leading you such a  
round through the snows,  
perhaps risking the danger  
of your taking cold. I trust  
however that no such  
bad effects will follow,  
but that we shall have  
occasion, in future times,  
to look back on this as  
one of the sunny days of your  
lives, after the clouds when  
gathering we fear shall  
have passed away

William

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