

McGill College, Wellington

15 Nov. 1883.

Dear Father

I enclose a letter I cannot answer, as it wishes some remarks of your own on the "Acadian Scientist" which I send herewith. I have no doubt you will be glad to say a good word for it by way of encouragement.

There are quantities of pamphlets I am unable to acknowledge, as I have merely the name of the author & the Society publishing the paper. Bernard says there is a Scientific directory giving names of all Scientists, but I have not

a copy - I suppose they shd be
acknowledged & rights when they
come with the "Authors Compliments". Dr
Bernard is filing "Nature", "Science"
& other Scientific Periodicals.

I asked Florence to mention your
bank balances last week. I can
send you the items of the Bank
of Montreal &c every now & then,
if you wish to ~~clear~~ check drafts.
You asked me if I wished a book
on graphical methods for bridge
calculation; I have several on this
subject, & could hardly judge of
its merits from the title alone. As
a rule the American works on
graphical Statics are a long way
ahead of the English ones - All
the ~~garden~~ items you mentioned, have

been attended to; also the bushes
in front of the drawing-room window.
It is quite wintry now. Snow fell
yesterday & again today which has
brought out a few slides. I will
ask Rankine to take the slides
over to the address you mention.

He leaves tomorrow, tho' he has
not yet decided whether he will
go by the "Allan" or "Dominion" line.
We are going up to Annie's tonight
to see ~~the last~~ of him before he
leaves; & I take a minute to
write this before leaving.

We are both well, & enjoying
the cold weather.

Yours affectionate son

William -

P.S. Rankine tells me he does not require any
assistance financially.

Mr. McLean asks me to remember
him to you.

The G. M. E. A. have succeeded
in starting a meeting for students,
giving the use of one of their rooms,
in the Assocⁿ building. The theologic:
als do not attend, which is an ad-
vantage. About 27 were present
last time. The meeting is conducted
by one of themselves. More than
half are medicals.

Love to Mother & Eva from Flor-
ence & myself -

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