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Saint Margaret

I received today

Your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup>. which  
of course was less interesting  
after that of Saturday  
which I received on Mon<sup>2</sup>  
day morning. On arriving  
here I found the Hotel  
about closing so that  
I went to Mrs Fulter  
a private boarding house  
where I am very com<sup>2</sup>  
fortable.

On Sabbath I went to church  
twice and spent much of

The remaining time in  
thinking of you and little  
George, and in reading.  
I was at Mr Jumps about  
time in the afternoon,  
and saw Cathcart  
Thomson.

On Monday I went  
about seeing General  
Jervis and making  
arrangements for my  
meeting and in the  
afternoon took dinner  
at Mrs Thomson's. There  
I had the pleasure of  
seeing Mrs James and (in  
a great secret mind) was  
a little disappointed.

She is a short woman  
with a long nose & small  
forehead, & not at all  
fine figure; in short  
rather plain. Her manner  
is short and quick and  
though she expresses her-  
self very well her intelli-  
gence seems small. She  
says Halifax is a horrid place  
one simply vegetates in it  
and cannot be said to  
live in it. She may however  
be a much more agreeable  
person than appears at  
the surface.

To day I visited a  
number of the schools and  
saw the children in  
a hasty manner. There is

I think room for improvement.  
I have bought and send  
beneath the Damask <sup>1/6 1/4</sup> and  
furniture stuff <sup>38 1/8</sup>, also a pair  
both in serge if they do  
not fit, you can return them  
by Friday coach or Thursday  
mail. If they do, let me know  
and I can get another pair;  
they cost 2/. I have also  
bought a sponge @ 6/3 for  
you, which I hope will be  
useful to you, it is the best kind  
ever imported here, part of a  
new sample lot. I enquired  
for the map; only one person  
has it, and his boy could  
not tell me the price. It is the  
black kind. Please buy one

be selfish without being  
unkind.

You do not say  
anything of my secretary  
John. If he come on  
Friday please send  
by him the little carpet  
bag I bought in the U States  
& think I can make it  
useful for holding a few  
things & be ready to  
rust myself in case of  
wet & without opening  
my trunk.

Farewell for the present  
Dear Margaret. Many kisses  
to you & George  
William

Thursday whether that will  
do and if so what price  
I should give.

I would write you  
a longer letter to day  
but have lots of books to  
break up and there  
you cannot take time

Remember dear Mar-  
garet to take the utmost care  
of yourself. I take the best  
care that I can, for your  
sake as well as my own,  
though it costs me some  
trouble to do so. You should  
do the same, for my sake  
and little boys as well as  
your own. In this we can