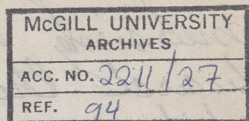


Mc Gill College
May 6th 1870



P. S. I was very much
disappointed that
you had so little
about George in your
last letter. Tell me all about
the dear boy in the
next. I am so anxious
to know exactly how
by words, whether to be
begin to show, or
whether a mistake
etc etc etc etc
Cecilia

dear me,
Thank you
very much for your budget of letters
I got four all together, two from
Liverpool & two from London, one
of the latter from George. We were
delighted to hear that you had
such a favourable passage, &
suffered so little from your old
enemy. I was very sorry to hear what
you said of Mr Blackwell, Harriet
came up to see me the same day
as I received your letter, & I felt
quite guilty to know what you
mentioned & yet see her with such
perfect faith in him in all ways,
however I hope that he may only be
a little foolish, poor fellow, he ought
to be good when he has such a true
little love. By the way, talking of true
Lalla's love is engaged to Henry, some
son of Lord Aylmer, I believe he has
a little money, & she is very much in
love with him, she looks quite a dif-

parent person all the hard cold look
has gone out of her face, I hope she
will be happy.

George Baynes came home on Tuesday
morning he came out as surgeon on
board the Germany, an emigrant
ship on their way up the gulf they
ran down the "City of Leubec" & sank
it in half an hour, they managed
to save all but two of those on board
the Germany had had been rather
damaged by the collision, so I sup-
pose George will be here three weeks
or so, he seems very much improved
& as nice as possible, he came over
to see me this morning, he said
he was so very sorry that we did
not let him know George's address
he seemed quite hurt about it, he
said he would have been so glad
to do anything for him. You know
that it was your fault for you
would not let me send his address
to our George - We are all going
up the mountain tomorrow that
is to say George & Izzy, Alfred & Willie
Jessie & Geo. Major & myself & children
with any stray person who may
come to hand, all the flowers are
so nicely out now that I expect

we shall have a very nice expectation
I have been promising to take the children
up for some time so this comes in very
opportune. Last night Katherine
Campbell came up to dinner. After
wards we went down to a Quaker
meeting Katherine has been most anxious
to go to one for some time but could
get no one to take her, so William &
I volunteered, the meeting was not
particularly interesting as there were
only five Quaker men & one woman
they did not use the Ch. & there
generally supposed to constitute so large
a part of their speech, the service con-
sisted of first the reading of a
portion of the Bible & then a sort of
discussion on it, there was no singing
or prayer, & the remarks were not
particularly profound, though I could
not detect any very palpable errors
in doctrine.

Eva & I took lunch at the
Deunt's yesterday, (Frankie took
his to school as there was to no one
to quarrel at home) we spent a very
tranquil afternoon, Dr Deunt was
not there but had left a special
message to be sure & keep me to tea
however I had taken the precaution

to ask K. Campbell here, so I had
a good excuse for not doing so.

The refrigerator has come at last,
after endless messages about it, it
seems very nice indeed, Mary is
quite charmed with it, & keeps
discovering new beauties in it every
day. Eliza has been working very
well lately. William's clothes are done
my dress, & a new one for Eva, & Hankin's
clothes are nearly finished.

Eva has had a little cold for
a few days but seems almost well
today, our double-windows are
off, the garden dug, & we are in
full trim for summer, which
is advancing rapidly the leaves are
now quite visible though still early
time, the crocuses are all done & the
hyacinths in full flower, tulips will
soon be out.

I have just had an invitation
from Mrs Carpenter to take tea
there as Robert is to leave Monday,
but I declined, partly because I
did not want to go & partly because
going to market & up the mountain
will be quite enough for one day.
I always have to write in a hurry
so have no time for nicely turned sentences
of my dear daughter
Anna