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My dearest mamma,

Many thanks

for your letter & also for the
one which you enclosed for
George, I was delighted to hear
that exceedingly kindly he has
been treated in London, & of
course knowing all these well
known men well he of such
service to him in his future
career, - I think I told you
about our ladies tea party
on Monday, Alice Galt was not
able to come so Mrs Wilson ac-
killed her & her sister to spend
Tuesday evening with us, as she
& Dr W. were going out to dinner
we had a delightful evening.
Alice is a perfect sunbeam &
an earnest working Christian
she has had to go through a
good deal of petty annoyances
from the gay circle she so sud-
denly left, her sister too is I think
just beginning to be a Christian
but it does not do to talk about
it for a while.

Walter
my love
daughter

My dear
mamma

Alice wants me to just run up from Montreal, & spend a few weeks with her in spring, I laughed & said it would be very nice, but quite impossible.

I am attending Godewin Smith's lectures on History, they are twice a week, & are so exceedingly pleasant, not only for the lectures themselves, but as the Moffatts, Alice Galt, & nearly all the girls I know go there to so it is quite a pleasant little reunion. Mr. Smith is a most delightful man to talk to, & is one of those solitary, rather disappointed looking men that I always take to at once, he is to dine here tomorrow, to my great delight, if he ever comes to Montreal we must have him at our house. You need not fancy that I am an interloper at the lectures for Dr. Cummins gave me a special invitation to attend as long as I am here. & it is a privilege I highly value.

Last night we all spent the evening at Mrs. Bell's, where

we were treated to a display of all her wedding silver & delicious cake & tea, we did not however have a very lively evening for we were all afflicted with colds in our heads, which had a rather stupefying effect.

To day we have quite a full programme, I have promised to take Jamie's cottage ready (which is much the same as the ~~receiving~~ meeting your mother's meeting) I went with her last week & enjoyed it very much, I do not feel devoid of persons taking it but of course I could not refuse as Annie is not well enough to go, then we have Golewin Smith's lecture at four & I am going with Dr W. to spend the evening at the Newbery's lodging.

I thought I had heard of such a nice opportunity to go home, as Mrs Macpherson said she was going down next week but she has changed her mind & remains here till the week.

after & I really cannot wait
as I am longing to be home again
I asked both Allan ~~Castell~~ &
Mr Wells to let me know if
they heard of any one going down
& as they seem to be acquainted
with every one in Toronto they
will surely be able to find
some one competent to take care
of me - As to the house at
Murray Bay, ~~like~~ it certainly is
one of the most comfortable
ones to be had & in a very
good situation, there will
no doubt be plenty of nice people
there, but I had fancied we
would go to some new place
still to have a large house &
be able to have plenty of friends
would be delightful - I have
plenty of money, though I have
spent a good deal, I have bought
some nice hymns or rather sacred
songs, they will be delightful for
the students, please don't leave them
till I go back - I do hope I will hear
of some one soon, for though every one here
is just as good as they can be, to me
want me to stay months longer, I want
to get home & see you all again
I am sorry that this letter is so un-
tidy but much would talk, so I made
any amount of mistakes, with best love to