



Montebello.
Sept 7, 1876.
Thursday.

My dear Mother,

I received an answer to my letter to M^{rs} McLimont some days ago. It would hardly be right to send it to you, but I will tell you what she says.

She commences by thanking me for my letter, and says she would have "no hesitation in entrusting Feenie's happiness to my keeping" but adds that she thinks her "too young" to make any engagements. It is certainly very good of her to tell me just what she thinks.

She says next that Feenie "does not seem inclined to favour my suit" & "declines to see me"; and she is really sorry to have to

says so, and tells me that she is.
Altogether her letter is most kind
and sincere, far more so than my
summary of it would lead you
to think.

It is all best when it is
the Lord's way, and the best of it
all is that all things work to-
gether for good, and that what
is for my good, will be for the
good of others too. If he means me
to wait he will make me content
to do so. He never bestows any of
his blessings "of works" but "of grace" &
you know the reason given.

I do not know that there is
anything that I can do at present.
I might answer Mrs. McLimont's
letter, but I need not perhaps hurry
about doing so. I hope to be
home by the end of next week;

But I write now, in order that you may be able to advise me when I return, for I am sure it is quite right for me to ask your advice.

This has been quite a wet day, at least it was in the morning. M^r Harris is expected down this evening. He is coming to inspect a foundation before the masonry is commenced, & tomorrow we are all going down to see it. We have been up two or three times to Papineauville lately, as M^r Clarke had to give instructions about another structure that is being commenced, and they are both worth seeing.

They have been feeding us on partridge here since the month began. They have a way of boiling it until it almost falls to pieces

which might be improved upon,
but it is nevertheless very good.
We are apt to get a good deal
of one thing at a time, but ~~not~~
~~the same time~~ there is also a
considerable variety.

I will write again before
I leave here, as I have not yet
decided on the day. I suppose
Franklin will be off to Philadelphia
by this time if he is going, which
will leave but a small family.

With love to all, believe
me your affectionate son
William.

P.S. I haven't heard from any of
you for some time, but I must
make allowance for your being
not altogether settled yet.