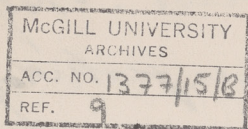


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17 Feb. 1884.

My dear Mother,

I have a large letter
from you & a knowledge, written
from Cairo & very interesting
indeed, as an account of
your experiences in that
part of the world. I hope
your other correspondents are
better than myself or you
must get but few letters
from this side. My chief
excuse is that there is really
nothing in this uneventful
place worth writing about.

one day & one week being
 much like another. I am
 very busy as I suppose anyone
 can be who likes to make
 work. I might be at perfect
 leisure if I chose I have
 no doubt by merely doing
 what is unavoidable &
 routine, which is not much
 & would be quite as much
 appreciated by everyone.

Here. The winter is wearing
 on & somewhat milder weather
 to indicate the approach of
 spring, but very little bright
 sunshine. I have not been
 down in Montreal I think

Since Christmas week. They
planned to go down yesterday
but could not make up my
mind to it & backed out at
the last moment. Next
Saturday I think I must try
to make an effort & go. In
addition to other troubles last
week I had to go out twice, to
dinner parties, one at the
Selwyn's & the other at Mrs
J. L. MacPherson's, the latter
quite a large affair. Why
they should have asked me
I cannot imagine. Next
Mr McDonald of BC, a while
ago. He told me that his people

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were still in England & liked it
 so much that they wanted to
 stay there. I hope you having
 not seen 28.1 Hear that William
 has at length taken a house, in
 Dorset St I believe, & suppose
 his anxious mind is now to
 some extent at rest. Tell Father
 that I see him & endeavour in
 a quiet way to put a spoke in
 Dr Hunt's wheel on which he has
 been planning to roll the whole
 Brit. Assn. off to Philadelphia
 after the meeting without leaving
 them time for discussion. It
 appears to me that as the
 Govt. is making a grant to

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aid of the City of Montreal
 Can. Pacific Ry or making
 considerable sacrifices to the
 entertainment of the army, &
 further that as the whole project
 is a Canadian Enterprise
 we should try to show the people
 who care as much for our
 own country as we can by
 occurrence or otherwise. Let
 the American Association
 ask them at another time to
 attend their meeting & see if
 they can be got to go. Dr Hist

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Love select a nuisance.
Everyone is to a certain
degree egotistical but some
people more than others.
I by an ~~the~~ thinking I
would write a decently long
letter but have apparently
arrived at the end of all
I can find to write about &
so must close by wishing
you continued prosperity in
your travels. The present
news from Egypt is far
from reassuring but I
suppose the troubled state

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of the County is not likely
to effect the Repair you
will be in to any alarming
extent.

Your affectionate Son
George