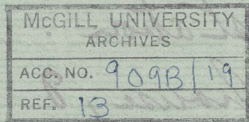


London 9th Jan'y
1870.



Dear Anna

I hardly know when this letter will find you, whether at Quebec or Montreal, as no one has told me how long you intended to stay there. I hope you will have spent a very pleasant time there. Day before yesterday (Friday) I went to Mr. McAndrews, at Isleworth. I had to go to the Laboratory in the morning, but left there about two, & came down here by omnibus. I then dressed & went by Underground railway to Westminster, there I ought to have got an omnibus but not finding one & being late I had to take a cab, & go to Waterloo station. I then took the train & went to Isleworth which is about 10 miles from London. ~~Next~~ From there I found my way.

to the McAndrews which is about
quarter of a mile from the Esleworth
station. They have a very handsome
house, & grounds stretching down to
the river. I left & started for
home about 9 o'clock. Mrs Mc
Andrews is very pleasant. He is
I should say about fifty years
old. Himself his wife & two daughters
constitute the family. The two
daughters are middle aged & I
suppose might be called old maids.
I spent a very pleasant evening
there.

Jan 13. 1870

I have just last night received
a letter from you dated from Quebec
as well as a bundle from home.

I am very glad that you are
enjoying yourself so much.

I have not yet received any letter
from Balch, & I am sure I don't
know what he means to write
about, do you know?

Last Monday I went to dinner
at Dr. Beuphies, & in the evening
went with him & Miss — (I
forget her name, who lives with
them now. (some relation)) to the
meeting of the Geographical Society.

The paper was one by Lud Houghton
on the Suez Canal. He had gone
out there on an invitation from
the Viceroi, instead of Sir R. Marcheson.

to represent the Geographical Socy.
His paper was most interesting,
Or, rather I should say his address
for I think he spoke without having
any paper before him. There was
also a discussion afterwards in
which many interesting particulars
were mentioned. The ~~ship~~^{steamer} which
had been sent along the canal to
clear the way for that in which the
Empress of the French was, from some
mismanagement got stuck in the canal
so as to prevent any passage. The viceroi
was awakened with this intelligence
about 11 o'clock at night (the empress
was to start at 8 in the morning) & immediately
went with 300 men & managed before 6 the
next morning to get the steamer off. He
waked all night as their superintendent,
& said that had he not been able to pull
her off, he should certainly have blown her
up.

With best love

I am your affectionate Brother
George W. Dawson.