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Some celebrity in Montreal
Mrs Redpath cutting down trees.

Miss Dawson

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My Dear Anna,

My letter last week did not, on account of the stormy weather arrive till Saturday morning, & I have to thank you as usual.

You talk about Chirozery & his wonderful doings. I think however that it would have been better had it not been arranged that he should stay in Montreal, for though people will come to hear him from the novelty &c, I think that if he stays permanently they will very likely soon tire of doing so. If he made a visit once a year or so, he would always come

with novelty & create a
sensation. Besides do you think
it right that he should desert that
colony of Canadians whom he has
lead out into the wilds of Illindais?
You see to what I am reduced
because of the want of news.

I said in my last to W. that
all the frost was over, but
immediately after writing it came on
again & though not so severe it
is freezing still, & skating going on.

The laboratory in consequence has
been pretty much deserted for the
last few days, only about half
the fellows there. One day last week
the ball-cock of the cistern was
frozen & we had no water all
one afternoon, except a rather scanty

supply of distilled.

You talk of shoe-shoe walks, or walk,
at which you assisted. What jolly
ones we used to have last winter, & how
I wish I could join you in one,
across the mountain, or round its east
end. I only hope that they are not
cutting down any more of the trees, or
that Mrs Redpath is not behaving,
(in that respect) in the shameful manner
which she did last winter.

The organic Chemistry lectures are
getting more interesting again, & Frankland
shows his own interest in the subject
by always prolonging them at least
quarters past the hour. I have bought
two new note-books & so have a fair
field to begin upon tomorrow.

I have heard of a chance of getting a
Franklands Chemistry from a second-
year student, which, if I can suggest
accomplish, will be very satisfactory, I

will add a note about it, before
closing this on Thursday.

You don't say anything about Papa's
Cold, but Mamma does. I hope it
is quite over long ere this.

It is a good thing that the postage
to Canada is reduced, or I should
feel exceedingly guilty for sending a
letter so full of nothing as this one,
But somehow I always have to write
when not in the humour. I think
I must invest in some of Bouricks,
or other good baking powder, by which
to prevent my letters from being so
"flat," & "sad".

Wednesday Feb 23rd

I have not yet ascertained about
the Frankland, but hope to do so next Saturday.
I think I have a good chance of getting it.

Believe me with very best love, to
yourself & all at home.

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