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My dear Anna,

Your welcome note, with Montreal news, reached me during the past week, which has been a somewhat busy one here.

The Egyptian problem, in its present uncertain state is exciting not a little attention and interest, especially in view of the coming session of parliament, which opens next Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup>) and during the early days of which this will doubtless form a prominent subject of debate, the opposition having already determined to move an amendment

2) to the speech from the  
Throne, in reference to it.

We have been rather  
disappointed here, I fear,  
the last two or three days.  
Monday evening we had  
a whist party tea which  
one or two friends dropped  
in, amongst others a young  
fellow of the name of Hopkins,  
a graduate of the school of Mines  
here and apparently well  
up in that specialty, in  
reference to whom I must write  
to Bernard next week, as  
he is anxious to go out to  
Canada if he had any  
reasonable expectation of getting  
something to do there in  
connection with mining work.  
He is a cousin of Capt Dawson's,  
a namesake whom I met  
one evening at <sup>our</sup> DeRae's  
sociable little dinners, and



3) who introduced me to him,  
Tuesday Lorne and I dined  
with Mrs King, with whom  
Victoria is at present staying,  
and spent the evening very  
pleasantly, Kate Gall being  
also of the party. The Galls,  
whilst I think of it, say that  
they have now definitely  
determined to leave on the  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb, Kate going via Boston  
to visit her sister there.

Their plans however as you  
know are not like the plans  
of the Medes & Persians.

Wednesday Miss Campbell &  
& Kate dined with Lorne &  
myself at the Grand Hotel,  
preparatory to going to St James  
Theatre where there is a  
capital little Society play  
on, "A Scrap of Paper,"  
Mrs & Mr Kendall taking  
of course prominent parts &

4/ I old Warr outdoing  
himself as Dr Penguin, a collector  
& hunter generally: the  
whole entertainment being  
really A. I.

I was very sorry to learn  
of the numerous ailments  
which seem have been  
so prevalent at Wallbrae  
lately, especially of yours  
having been yourself under the  
weather.

Please to remember me  
very affectionately to the  
residents at the College.

I enclose a note from Father  
dated at Cairo, in case you  
may not have had news  
from the Travellers lately.  
Their trip seems to have been  
very successful so far in  
every way.

With love Your affe. Brother  
Frankie