

Mr. Gill College, Montreal
Friday October 21st

My dear Perry

Did I tell you that
the day before I left Edin; I bought an
engraving of Hunt's picture of "finding Jesus in
the Temple" to bring as a present to papa. He
has had it very beautifully framed & hung
over the piano in the drawing room. Quite
a pleasant addition to our pictures & has
already been turned to good account as
is the custom with your dear Father.
Last Monday evening, at a large gathering
of the children of the Presbyterian Sunday ^{Schools}, with their
parents &c. He rose to address the children & quite
startled Rankin & me by announcing he had
lately got a picture of what is commonly called
"Christ disputing with the Doctors in the Temple"

to be trusted with such things for good a
thousand would misuse them. Papa has
Consented, in reply to a pressing request from
the Goring Men's Christian Association, of Sorrento
of which Professor Wilson is President to give
them a lecture at Xmas time. If circumstances
were favorable I should like to allow Anna
to accompany them, but no private invitation
is open at present & it wd be too far to go
to stay at a hotel for a day or two. In
reply to your invitation from Mrs Reid
for this season, of course I would be
very glad that you should have the opportunity
if you believe it likely to be pleasant to yourself.
I have not seen Miss Reid since she was
a child I have never seen her husband.
If you have seen him you wd say what
you think of him. I have not written to
Mrs Walker, Gulham Lane since my return
Should you see her before I do please my
love to her. Say I have resumed my very
busy life & find it difficult to keep my
Coburn pen down. I am going off to-day to Mrs

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A little he thought inconsistent with
the facts of the story, which he would
tell them & show that it was rather "Christ
at the Sunday School at Jerusalem" — & so
proceeded to unfold the story & the truths it
contains for their & our example as to direct
the attention of the young, & somewhat like
the Lord Himself, at the same time convey deeper
lessons for the more advanced. Some of the
clergymen present afterwards told him his
views were quite new to them, yet commended
themselves to them as true. — So more
successful than the Alchemist, my present
has already been turned into golden seed
which the Master may water. Let God
should grow. — ish & in reply "turn again
& read me" by clear argument by my to prove
by my own example that such outward
objects ought consequently to be used. Suggesting
in Churches, let me disarm God before hand
by saying that this is the exception that grows
the opposite rule, for where one is found fit

Mr. Berri's, to consult about ladies to be asked
to his house to deliver a petition to the Prof^r to
lecture to them. We do not hope to have plans
matured before Xmas. We are asked by
Mrs S. M. Taylor to meet Miss McPherson of London.
She lady I was so sorry to have missed during
my London who is engaged in first educating
neglected children & then bringing them her to find
homes for them. I dare say Anne has told you
of sudden & sad death of Mr. Parker. Leaving
his family wholly unprovided for. I offered to
take Julia for the winter, but have just had
a reply from Mrs. Parker, saying she cannot
get part with any of them, her grief is too
great & needs the love of all her children to soothe.
Very soon I fear there must be a breaking up
of her family. Words cannot picture grief like
hers. I had lately been writing ^{first} on the two outer
sides of my sheet of paper, as it came turning twice
back to write & reach. Lately I find I turned
through old habit & without noticing wrote
on the wrong page - so excu^s. Let me thank
you for the few weeks through Anne by last mail. I write
much love & subscribe myself your aff^{ct} Mother.