

Montreal Decr 8th 1840.

My dear George

Have you heard of "Synod's
Baby"? A Chinese book treating, I believe, of
the Cumbersome machinery used by denominations
& societies in the shape of Committees for
doing, or rather not doing good. It is
published anonymously. but I am told
the Author is Mr Jenkins. A Liberator now
getting into note in London. A graduate
of Mr Gill Collyer - I know of Rev. Mr Jenkins
here, who I dare say you remember. I am
longing to read it. I have tried twice
to get it at Hill's library, unsuccessfully. Dawson's
Copies are sold out. I think it would
be worth to me I expect you to publish
on the "high education of women" question

I longed to establish Science teaching.
But I dread the realization of the things
I hope for, because of the crushing amount
of work it would entail upon papa.

I am glad he is going for a few days
to Sorrento. As I hope it will be a refreshment
to see literary & scientific friends there. Anna
will doubtless tell you that it is intended
that she shall accompany papa & that
they are going to stay with Prof Wilson.
I.V. they go on the 22^d. At present some little
necessary outfit for A. but especially the arrange-
ments for the entertainment at the College on
the 20th are occupying my thoughts & a good
deal of my time at present. There are to be
addresses & music in the Convocation Hall.
Refreshments in the library. Besides two large
tables in the middle of the room. I am going
to have tea &c in each alcove. With two
young ladies to preside at each table. I have
been out all the afternoon, in the midst

of our first real snow-storm, visiting
those ladies. My list is Misses Abbott. Redpath
Parsons. Malson, Moffatt. Campbell. Baylyes
Eschile. Baynes - Browne. & Dawson. Anna
& I wonder sometimes if such communications
do not make you homesick. We do to wish
such pleasant doings could be shared by
you. The "plumming" is my particular pleasure.

Have your Hyacinths come up? Only three
of mine have made their appearance. We have
heard nothing of or from W. Bigely for a long
time. Please do not neglect going to see him.

I have been thinking & thinking what advice
to give you about Christmas. The truth is I know
nothing of what sort of people the Reid's are &
therefore cannot guess whether or no you wd be
likely to enjoy yourself. yet it seems so dreary to be
in London with so few friends to make home
homelike. I fear in this as in many other things
you must be your own Counsellor. Do not
let the expense weigh against your going. Tell
me if you received safely my presents of stamps.
Have you your examinations? I have got

got some fellow, telling Collyer folks
like us that, "a little Science is sharp
at both ends". meaning as I suppose
that it moulds both the that has & the
that imparts from such a County store.
Would that I had ever that little
wherewith to chastise you for throwing
disparagement on our Ladies Classes—
about which, as an advocate for education,
I have been so zealous. Prof. Wilson's go
on this winter with increased interest—
having a fair proportion of hard working
lady students, although ours for the present
are suppressed, for which on Papa's account
I am not sorry, as he is as heretofore suffering
suffering from pressure of work. His "University
Lecture" has been largely circulated & has
attracted much attention in the Upper Canada
Papas as well as those near to us. I only
wish it may lead to something more substantial.

William hour by promise to take a
certain amount of exercise each day.
he studies so unremittingly that he often
has headache. Anne has prevailed
upon him to accompany her to take
tea with the Browns tonight &
rare indulgence.

Mrs Baynes sends her love to you.
Mrs Major also desires her kindest
regards to be sent to you. Mrs Carmick
never loses an opportunity of inquiring for
you. I fear I neglect to send many loving
trousers committed to my care.

Do you correspond with any of the
Scotch friends? I have heard nothing
farther of my Grantispeer. I sent the
University lecture to Mrs James Walker. & Mrs
Rae have you seen either of them?

You have never told me or what
terms you are with your new fellow lodger
(I forget his name) or whether you find him com-
pasionable

With much love

Ever believe me to be

Yours affectionate

Brother

P.S. Paper, who has just come in, desires me to add that he is surprised ~~that you are not content with~~ appearing in "Nature" yourself, but must chide in your respectable brother!!! It is a good notice; nicely written. Gratified us not a little. I was ruined by an interested party by a sufficient amount dignified stonion.

I think it not at all unlikely that Mr. Glanville will continue his Sunday Bible Class - do you see . . . Do you ever occupy your Jew? I what of the preachers? My dear dear boy - think of the things for both worlds. External influences are surely against you. but draw near to God & He will draw near to you.

More love

from

Brother