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My dear George

I was disappointed
to be obliged to mail our last letters
before acknowledging yours of December 30th
especially as Herbert, who took the letters to
the P.O., being he back yours on his return
& it appears probable the same thing may
occur this week. The portions enclosed to
me was short but I must expect you
to write at length to every one each mail
& thank you very sincerely for writing so
regularly.

Dea Anna is home with us again
bright & cheerful as ever. She has greatly
enjoyed her visit to Quebec. So we are

glad we allowed her to go.

Anna & I have been paying visits
these two last afternoons. & many friends
have inquired for you. Mrs Whitney
expressed a wish that you should
go to Canterbury to see his mother Mrs
Mills. "because she is very fond of young
people & particularly if they are from Canada".
I thought this such a funny proposal that
I hardly knew how to answer her. Of course
I thanked her & said I found you were
too busy to think of having London until
after your session was over. Jack Whitney
still suffers from sprained knee. He
won't remain long enough at rest to
allow of its healing. Frank Peepert's horse
fell under him four or five weeks ago
& crushed one of his knees severely so that he
too has been an invalid. He can only
now drive out but not stand or walk

Old Mr. Tamm died this morning (84)
Mr. William Galbraith has had a second
slight attack of paralysis, which of course
leaves him in a very critical state of health
We are having a very unusual kind
of winter. Very mild - very changeable
with little bright weather. The River
"froze" only on Thursday of last week & since
it has rained & been so mild that it is practically
covered with water & I understand is not
safe to cross. The streets here have been terribly
slippery. Tammans we expect father Chintyug
by an early train to be our guest for
a few days. You may have noticed in the
"Witness" the excitement his preaching has
caused here lately. He is now returning to
town after a short absence & most people
are afraid to have him in their houses.

Father's "Second Book of Sermons" is now
published. He is very well satisfied with
the printing & binding. It has however cost
him an immense deal more labor than
he expected. He is now occupied with

a lengthy pamphlet — "A Plea for the
Extension of University Education in Canada,"
& more especially in connection with the
Gill University." It is to be circulated in the
hope of eliciting farther aid from some of
our wealthy citizens. I shall send you
a copy when printed. I am also engaged
in literary pursuits — preparing the annual
report of our Bible Women's work.

I have market & meetings tomorrow so
rather than miss writing to you I am
doing so rather late & with Anne &
William chaffing, talking & laughing. I really
do not know that I have written coherently.

William says he would write if there was
only one thing to tell you. Eve intends to write
to thank you for the pretty brooch you sent her
& now Mrs. George accepts of my best love
& prays excuse the hasty scribbles I often send
as substitutes for letters. I ever believe me
yours lovingly.

Mother