

Mc Gill College
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For how so many thanks
for your last nice
suggestion - I long to see
what the effect of
improvement - at D -
parties

Dearest George, at last we are
beginning to think of spring, all last
night - but today it (the snow) has
been thawing as fast as possible,
only two or three days ago we had
a heavy snow storm so as you may
imagine the roads are in a delight-
ful condition. I have been drawing
papa's fossils all the morning
& have to continue doing so in
the afternoon, as he is becoming
quite despairing about the slow
way in which his things are pro-
gressing; he is so driven that I
will be quite thankful to see
him shipped off & condemned to
ten days comparative idleness -
the time of their going is drawing
quite near & mamma is getting her

clothes arranged, so I suppose, it is quite settled, unless anything unforeseen happens.

Last Saturday we had a small party consisting of Miss Lunn Miss Selwyn, Fannie Abbott, Mina, Alfred, Fran Wotherspoon, young Anderson (who happened to be in town) & Mr Mc Donald (very rich & an old bachelor, who has just given \$5000, & is scholar-ship to the college) & Mr Mc Kenzie (who has just come from Australia & is delightful) & lastly Mr W. Bell - There were hardly one of the old faces present, but then every one of last year's gentlemen are gone, & most of the ladies are now too gay to care for our small company.

I am on the horns of a dilemma or rather on the horns of two, for I have an engagement for tonight & ditto ditto for tomorrow, & mamma has taken it into her head to invite people here for both evenings

is it not disagreeable?

I suppose you know that there
has been a great effort made to
raise the funds of the College of
Mr McD. liberality I have already
spoken, & I believe a good many
other gentlemen have subscribed
pretty largely, the canvassing is
still going on, & I trust will come
to something respectable. I set
this poor old institution on its
legs. As usual I am writing
against time, fortunately I am not
given to worrying, or I don't know
what would happen to me in the
hurry & scurry life I now lead.

I think I told you that poor Arthur
Bacon had been ill, he has gone
home to recruit, David & Sophie too
have had the bad colds which have
been so prevalent.

Our German mania is as strong
as ever, & our evening parties are still
kept up last week it was at the
Wayner's & next time at Mrs Major
I suppose we shall have it afterward

Eva is improving very much in her
music, she has a good deal of taste
for it & will I dare say quite put
my poor performance into the
shade in a few years -

Every third person one meets
seems to be going to England in
spring" so you may expect to see
numbers of old faces on the London
streets. I am quite beginning to be
infected with the general mania
but alas! without a hope of its being
fulfilled. The Gales are among those
going to travel - so many people
continually inquire after you with
more or less affection, that it is
quite impossible to keep the run
of them in order to tell you
so in place of the remembrances
of many friends you must be
content with the best &
truest love from your affectionate
Aunt -