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M. G. College.  
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Dear George

I write this to tell you that your boxes have come, and in good condition. They have not been opened at the Custom house, or if they have no one could find it out by their appearance.

They arrived yesterday afternoon while we were up the mountain, and were put into what used to be Dr Hunt's room in the Laboratory.

Mamma had her box brought over here and we opened it with the key of Rankine's

pigeon house. The other two boxes will of course lie unmolested till your return.

We went up the mountain yesterday, as I mentioned before, in order to get some ferns for ornamental purposes. We went round the east end and had a very good, although distant, view of the new City gas works at Hochelaga. They are built of brick and consist of a long building in which the gas is manufactured, and a high octagonal building covering the gasometer. I was glad to see that they were progressing so well, as I had intended to pay them a visit. The last



time I was there was just after a large part of the wall had been blown down, which occurred some time in the winter.

The Medical School is progressing very satisfactorily, in fact there is not much more to be done to it, except the plastering of some of the rooms. The seats in the class rooms are all up, and only require a little finishing, and the flooring in the basement is all but completed. I take the liberty of writing this in your letter although I intend it more specially for Papa's information, so that he may not think that Mr Baynes' absence will be at all detrimental to the

said building.

You see that there is so little to write about that one really has to take advantage of every ~~of~~ available circumstance, and try to make it cover as much paper as possible. I might give you an extract from the papers about election rows, and bribery & corruption, and men that have changed their political opinions, &c. &c. but I suppose you hear quite enough about such things where you are.

The principal events that have happened to-day are, first, that the sun rose in the morning, ~~and~~ and second that it has been raining ever since, and if I might anticipate, I would think the next event of importance would be that the sun would set. I remain your affectionate brother,

William.