

McGill College, December 15th /75

My dear Percy

Our last letter was
calculated to reach you about
4mas but I quite forgot to send
you my ~~some~~ greetings & now hasten
to offer you my warmest love &
to say, that if all continues to go well
here, how much you will be in
my thoughts on that day & no doubt
your name will be after on our
lips. I think I told you that I had
reserved your presents, sent by Mr. Selwyn

until that day in the hope that
 it will be a little more like a personal
 appearance amongst us. In a letter I
 had from W. yesterday he tells me
 that a friend of Mr Carey's, whose acquain-
 tance he has made, has asked him to
 dine with him & Mrs. I hope you too
 may meet with some kind friends
 who will welcome ^{you} into their family
 circle on that day. Don't however
 forget the home circle nor the love
 with which you will be remembered
 there. & if this should be so unfortunate
 as to be late for Xmas, Carry forward
 all loving memories to New Year's day
 as another marked one that will

will again bring you kindly before
us.

Arnie has got so deeply engaged
with some preliminary arrangements
about his trousseau that I have again
resumed my household duties & as
many little extra things come up at
this season I am rather busy. We
continue to enjoy, after a two
days snow storm, moderately cold
delightful weather. I wish we
could send you a sample. Still I
hope it has impinged at Victoria.
W. says they have had a little snow
& sharp frost in Paris, so that he has
taken the chance to wear his fur-trimmed
overcoat. I was surprised in turning

out the purs to find you have left
your good Cap. I will do my best
to save it from moth's but you know
fus lying fast so long is not safe.

I think I tell you of the death of
Mr Scory - Nottingham & of his having
had scarlet fever. I have now to tell
you that Madame Van Meider - Mary
Gale - died last Friday. She had been
suffering from internal abscess - was
operated upon & a letter ^{had been} received saying
she was considered quite out of danger
when a cable announcing her death
was most unexpectedly sent. Paul
Anna, you know was on a visit
to Mary, & must be left desolate beyond
description. Of course no particulars are
yet known at this side.

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Dr. Cornphell, Adelaide & Catharine intend to leave for Europe next Friday. Dr. C. has been harassed with money matters & a bad cough. Now the first is settled & he is hurrying off to spend the Calce part of the winter in the south of France & when better to travel about. I hope W. may see them while they are in Paris. Rankin is passing through the miseries of exams, & looks like a piece of faded calico. The Gals H. School is going to be (I think) a great success. I am glad we sent Eva to it. She is quite roused, & studies without spurring from any at home. Her music is the only thing

that suffers. I wish I knew how
to stimulate her in that. We had a
pleasant success put students' eyes
last Saturday. The Redputts, Saylor's, Lewis
& Greenshields supplying good music
for our entertainment.

I wish you could afford time to send
us a letter weekly, we look forward
to W's weekly budget & enjoy them so
much. I wish there was a weekly
mail only, to you that I myself could
be kept to a regular & fixed time.
I fear I depend too much upon Anna
where you are concerned. A letter
to answer is as you know a great
stimulus. With much love &
warmest & most greetings & New Year
good wishes from your Mother.