

Montreal May 4th 1876.

most tenderly with my
regards. Besides me she
is - your affectional loving
mother.

dearest George

I duly received your
most acceptable letter of 9th April
but as both Anne & your father were
writing about that time I delayed
doing so, I like you, find myself
later than I intended, but my apology
is the same I have before pleaded -
that furnishing two horses & fitting out
a bride is no light work - it goes
on from day to day at an increased
rate & I suppose I have to get reconciled
to its doing so until the Clare is
reached. I dare say Anne has told
you that the 4th of June is the day

now fixed & we hope that William
will be out in time to be present, he got,
whom we wd. so especially have liked
to be present, will be our only absentee.
The wedding is to be a very quiet one
& we still intend to have a large
party to receive them at the new house
on their return from Lake George.

Car Harris, in passing through Montreal
spent Friday day with us & we were
glad to hear from him that the party
of Engineers, of whom you spoke, as
causing anxiety by their long absence
had returned in safety. Mr. Harris
has got charge of the duties of the Northern
Colonial railway beyond Ottawa & offers to
give William work there for the summer,
but I advocate his taking a rest as it
will probably be his last opportunity in
life, but, of course, this will be discussed
after his return. Mr. Selwyn was home

from Philadelphia for two days when
 he told us that you are wanted to join
 Mr. Cambry's party to go to that part of the
 Country which you say is wanted &
 probably yielding no mark of interest to you;
 it seems me that you shd be dictated
 too by men ignorant of what is best to be done,
 the only Compensation I can imagine for
 all your isolation & privations of other kinds
 is the excitement of following some route
 that has the promise of leading to interesting
 discoveries or to complete some sections
 of work that wd give you satisfaction.
 Not to mention the additional anxiety
 borne at home in the long stretches of
 time during which we will hear nothing
 of you. I hope you will soon become
 kind of roving & get some more settled occu:
~~pation~~ I be more of a comfort to your dear
 father who often feels bitterly your distance
 & absence. Mr. Selwyn has had great arrangements

from a Mr. Percutt appointed by the Gov: to super-
intend the ^{Com. Fair} Exhibition but since he returned
to Phil: he writes that he has been suppressed
& that he is now progressing with his arrange-
ments satisfactorily & that if the Exhibition is
opened on the 16th half the things will not ^{be} laid out.

About the Pianos I have learned all the
choices & prices at the principal stores, but Mr.
Dummond, who is leaving M^{ts} for
a few years, has a beautiful Steinway only two
years in use & that only when they had Com-
pany for Mrs W. does not play, is perhaps going
to get a valuation put on the Pianos I sell
it, so I am waiting to know if it can be had
& then decide. I regret the delay because it
will have been more agreeable if I had
told you that it was decided about before
you may be far beyond regular post times
& still it is too long & costly a transaction not
to take time to do in the most satisfactory
way, & I have a double pleasure in doing

it as connected with both you & Anna,
 Judy & Mrs Way are also leaving Montreal
 in the meantime for the Southern
 States & in the Autumn they intend to
 go to England probably to remain there.
 They have sent A. a present of a Majolica
 ware strawberry dish with sugar bowl,
 cream jug & spoons to match. Three other
 friends have told me in confidence
 that they are working cushions for her,
 & I have just finished one for her. to
 that department will be well supplied;
 indeed her home promises to be a very
 pretty one. The furniture was was put in
 two or three days ago - but we have
 got curtains blinds & all the smaller things
 to make. Today we spent \$40 on wooden
 ware & kitchen ^{res} & tomorrow is to be
 devoted to cracking & tin ware. Mrs Carpenter
 has given me \$25. to purchase a clock &

We have already made two excursions about it.

You will see by the papers about the Convocation & R's standing, it is pretty good. As he has some old & very clever fellows to contend with. He is now taking lessons in elocution & singing. Eva has come off first in history & Laura second in another class.

The Armstrong's are again on their way to England. Dr. Murray is a Candidate for the Moral Philosophy Chair in St. Andrews — to be decided in June.

July — Sarah has rented James Perrier's house (you know the Perriers have failed & everything has been sold at Auction) & as soon as they get it furnished they go off to travel in Europe for the Summer. Mr. Varnock remains with another brother at St. Anton's Hall.

Hoping my dear George that after all your course for the Summer may be a pleasant one & that you may accomplish something that will prove a pleasure to yourself & following you