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Paris July 28<sup>th</sup> 1917.

My dear George

This is not intended  
for a letter, but I cannot help  
hastening to enclose the official  
announcement of the degree conferred  
upon you by Princeton College.  
Not being able to find you in  
Montreal the letter had been returned  
to Princeton & returned again enclosed  
in a note to papa, & he being now  
in Rome I think does not yet know  
that the honour conferred is a higher  
one than the earlier one official note

intimated. I heartily Congratulate  
 you my own dear son my Mr  
 F. Moore Dawson. I hope it may be  
 in Gods purposes to spare you for a  
 long useful life but, dear boy, let  
 no more of it run or until you have  
 sought & obtained the highest degree  
 the one which completes our nature  
 as well as sanctifies our powers, & that  
 you know is the gift of God got  
 through faith in our Substitute.

This very night we hope to welcome  
 William home (if the ignorant women  
 folks have made no mistake about  
 its being the Allan Steamer that passed  
 here this morning at 6 o'Clock) We think

we are right although it is unusually  
 early, & we calculate that it will  
 reach Ramonika (Father Point) in  
 good time for the dawn train which  
 passes there about 2 P.M. I have engaged  
 a buckboard & am going up to the  
 station in the hope of meeting him.

He had <sup>mult.</sup> intended to leave England  
 before the 26<sup>th</sup> & it was only by last  
 mail he told us he had arranged  
 to sail a week earlier. Gape & Rankin  
 having been geologying for about  
 two weeks in Iowa I notice no mention  
 of his Cherry <sup>apple</sup> & we are dreading to  
 this having a delightful surprise  
 when they come back at the beginning  
 of next week. Should all this come to

I trust we will be all together  
<sup>except</sup> your own dear self, & we will miss  
 you all the more because you are the  
 only absentee. I don't know said Bernard  
 too is expected on the 7<sup>th</sup> August. It  
 seems almost mucky to wish you a  
 very happy birthday among all the half  
 civilized people that you are with  
 but I do wish you may return in  
 some more genial sphere. Katie Gale  
 is still with us. Mrs Carpenter is at the  
 Hall. Anna & baby are quite well.

With kindest congratulations

love & good wishes from your

Mother

P.S. Please acknowledge Mr Craven's  
 letter. By same mail I send  
 an English letter