

M<sup>c</sup>Gill College. October 13<sup>th</sup> /77

My dear George—

I go on from  
day to day waiting for a  
good opportunity to write. got  
a long respectable letter, but  
the time never comes & in  
despair I again throw off  
one of my scribbles.

We have had fine warm  
dry weather up to the beginning  
of this month & since then we  
have had cold, mist & rain,  
changing our summer looking

flowers & foliage into autumnal  
 tints, & sombre tints, for the  
 leaves are not going to be very  
 highly coloured this year.

The prominent event of the  
 week (to me) has been Mr (Willie)  
 Malson's wedding, because  
 your father & I were invited  
 to it & it gave me no small  
 work to get ready suitable gar-  
 ments. He is married to Miss  
 Essie Shepherd whose brother  
 Mr Shepherd is engaged to  
 Lillie Farnace. They were married  
 in St. George's. The Chancel was  
 gorgeously decorated with flowers  
 The invited guests were our

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one hundred & the <sup>spots</sup> Church out-  
occupied ~~with~~ them were filled  
with Spectators. After the Ceremony  
was over we proceeded to Mr  
Shepherd's house, where, first,  
we were expected to offer our  
Congratulations to Dr & Mrs Malson  
& then go up stairs to a library  
where the Rich's presents were  
exhibited - numerous, costly &  
elegant. I gave her a pair of storks  
framed in black & gold similar  
to those Anna has in her own bed-  
room. We again descended to  
the drawing room which is very large  
where the tables were so arranged  
as comfortably to seat all present.

Very clever good speeches were made by Dean Bond, Judge May, Kapu Father. The whole affair passed off most pleasantly. The Principals left about 3 o'clock amidst showers of rice & also shoes.

Now as life is full of changes you will, perhaps, not be surprised if I suddenly turn to the sad & tell you of the death of dear old Mrs. Browne. She has been feebly looking for some time but was quite well until Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> after she had retired. Sophia went into her room as she had the habit of doing to ask if she wanted anything & was startled by her apparent unconsciousness. It proved that she had had a paralytic stroke after fainting but. She