

McGill College

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Re  
Williams  
engagement to  
Florence

M. S. Mother has gone  
with Lady Salt to  
spend the day with  
Mrs Birdwood at  
St. Annis & therefore  
could not write.

George.

I have not written

to you for a very long time  
but I knew that Mother  
has written accounts to you  
of the American Association  
here & that has been our  
one great theme of thought.  
But now we have quite a  
new one to occupy us & of  
quite a different nature.



If you guessed all day I am  
 sure you would never hit  
 on the truth, that is of course  
 if you have had no hints  
 about it. Now acknowledge that  
 your curiosity is aroused, I  
 only wish I knew how to tell  
 it to you all at once. William  
 the prudent & wise is, it seems,  
 still destined to be the first  
 to sacrifice himself & "settle down"  
 as they say. How are you not  
 surprised beyond measure. I knew  
 nothing of it until it was told  
 me as a settled fact. While



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he was in Halifax but writer  
an Englishman & his family  
came & stayed for a month at  
the same boarding house. The  
eldest daughter, Florence Elliott,  
proved fatal to William's peace  
of mind. He saw a great deal  
of her ~~with~~ while in Halifax.

Her father is a Major in the army  
& guarded for 5 years there in charge  
of the commissariat department. The  
whole family seem to be  
particularly pleasant people  
& we are all so glad that  
William is happy. He only  
received her answer two



days ago & is now pushing  
his work through in order  
to go & spend a fortnight at  
Halifax. She is only nineteen  
& very pleasant & English looking  
judging from her photo but with  
hardly clearly enough cut features  
to be called pretty. William  
says that she is a universal favorite  
because her manners are so  
pleasant & natural & so far  
everything seems to be all that  
we could desire. She is too a  
thoroughly good girl & I hope will  
prove a great help & comfort to  
William. You will have to  
stop in Halifax & see her for



yourself & then we too will have  
the benefit of a description  
of her ~~from someone~~ with who  
still has a steady judgement.  
Of course as yet we have no  
idea of how long the engagement  
will be but William thinks that  
his work at the Bridge Co. is  
appreciated & that his prospects  
are much brighter than when  
his work was in Halifax. The  
Company is a large one, he likes  
the work & his prospects are good.  
We are all so glad about it.

Carrie Crow is still with us.  
After the meeting we went to  
Cano for a few days with Katie  
Galt. Since that we have been



in Inchee. Kattu went with  
us & Papu took charge of us.  
He had to go to ~~some~~ some  
meetings there & so we took  
advantage of his escort. We  
had an extremely pleasant  
time & saw a good deal of the  
people as well as the place.  
But I have not time to write  
any more now. Anna's family  
are expected home tomorrow  
morning. She as yet does not  
know the news.

I have been reading an unusually  
nice story called "Marjory". I am  
sure you would like it.

I do hope that your summer  
is proving a pleasant one to you  
with best love  
from Eva.