

McGill College.

Montreal.

October 9<sup>th</sup> 189.

My dear George

It is now nearly  
 four weeks since we returned  
 from Paris, & what with the  
 number of strangers we have seen,  
 the trouble we have had & still  
 have in the matter of services  
 & above all the perplexity & excitement  
 of feelings we are passing through in  
 a matter  
 vital to the future happiness of Eva,  
 it leads me to feel that it is years ago  
 since I saw Paris, all this must be  
 accepted by you for my apparent

Excuse me about answering your  
last letter which I assure you  
gave me great pleasure.

Your father received your last  
communication - dated Oct<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> -  
yesterday, & we are thankful to be  
able again to Count off by days the  
remainder of your wanderings &  
exposure for this year & this in the  
hope that you will return in safety.

Included one reason I write now  
is to ask that, as far as possible, you  
will hasten your return that you  
may return in time to see Hope  
Atkin before he sails (via New York) for  
England on the 30<sup>th</sup>, as Bro has  
at last almost consented to accept the

love he has so long cherished for her  
 This has come upon us most unexpectedly  
 we had no idea that either he or  
 his father were coming here until  
 until they walked in about two  
 weeks ago, & very soon afterwards  
 it manifested that he had come to  
 renew his suit. At first I was quite  
 disposed to hold herself aloof but  
 providential circumstances favoured  
 his having opportunity for long talks,  
 & she found him so unselfish & his  
 love so true & steadfast that the one  
 objection comes from looking forward  
 to the separation from home & friends  
~~that~~ <sup>consequence</sup> had to. As for myself I dare not  
 look forward to what my own future

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I do not know he without his, & better not for  
strength to him. Comes with the need for  
it. I do not remember whether you  
have ever seen #4, but surely you  
must often have heard us speak of  
him. I was introduced to him by the  
Crow's in 186. Afterwards in 184 she saw  
him frequently - he came to Montreal  
in 185 & left disappointed. She saw him  
again in England in 186. He is well  
educated & has been three years at Cambridge  
but his mental powers are not his  
strong point - he is open, conscientious  
& very kind - he is good looking &  
able to make his comfortable in things  
material, but I do hope you will come  
in time to judge for yourself. His  
younger brother Peter is a harist &

M. Gill College,  
Montreal.

It is married to Nellie Hayes  
whom we know & like very well.  
She & her two children with Mr  
Peter are now on a visit to her  
mother at her summer residence  
some where near New York.

We had a section of the Engineers  
Ass., including a number of ladies in  
full ball costume, spending the  
evening with us last Saturday - several  
of the gentlemen inquired for you - Mr  
Ashburner gratified me by many com-  
plimentary remarks about you, also Mr  
Eggleston whom we have seen several  
times. The Campbells have just had

their mother. She died neither suddenly  
 by of hernia for which an operation  
 (unsuccessful) carried her off. Some  
 of Victoria are now on their way  
 out. Mr Workman is also dead.

He lately consulted your father  
 as to the disposal of a certain part of  
 his money in favour of the College  
 so we hope he may have carried  
 out his intention. I suppose you  
 have heard of the sad death, by  
 the bite of a snake, of Tctani's younger  
 brother who had begun an arrange-  
 ment in California? I think.

Anna & family are all well. So is Will  
 Moore & sons. Trusting that this may  
 disclose you when about to hurry you on  
 believe me ever to be your affectionate Mother

Mr. Will Collins  
New York

It is common to believe  
that the knowledge of the  
the two children is  
Peter was very much  
another to the same  
some other men  
the fact a letter of the  
has, including a number of  
five old children, the  
forming part of the  
of the children  
children of every  
children would be  
of the children  
the children

their matter. The best letter  
 of opinion for which is expected  
 to be published in the  
 Review is now on the way  
 and we know is also the  
 only one that you have  
 in the possession of a certain  
 his name in favour of the  
 so we hope to see your  
 out his intention. I suppose you  
 have heard of the new chart by  
 the title of a book of the  
 better it is for you on any  
 matter in California I think.  
 should be fairly on the  
 should be. I think of the  
 his own you understand the  
 please or send me the