

McGill College.

Montreal.

The Friends
June 24th 1893.

My dear George

At the beginning of this week I received your letter of June 9th per wh: accept my grateful thanks as I greatly appreciate the kind words therein written. It is greatly to be regretted that we cd not sooner leave Montreal as at times it has been piously hot & damp besides, but your father naturally wishes to attend all the meetings of this his last session & to have things connected with his office in creditable order, now matters seem really to be drawing to a close & we propose to leave on Thursday the 29th. The

Safety had
letter for R. in wh: he
hines that he may write
in English.

#armyours are similarly busy with
 this affair. Eric, I am thankful to say,
 is better altho showing signs of a pull
 down by the attack. There is good news
 from Clare from Felix & Florence, altho
 in difficulties about servants, says that
 in three days there was a wonderful
 change for the better in the children.
 Anne & Bernard from time to time
 are getting boxes of furniture taken to
 the new house where workmen are
 repairing & changing things to suit the
 new tenants - today rain has hindered
 the removal of the heart of the establishment,
 viz: the Cracking stone, when they will
 take up three quarters there, but in a
 day or two there will be effected. We have
 now got permission to return the College

house for the summer so I have
 left off preparations for removal in
 favour of making ready for winter. In
 regard to our future home I cannot re-
 member how far our plans had progressed
 when I last wrote to you. I think I
 told you that we had looked at
 various houses, the Shubert's &c I had
 asked Mr. Snylas to make a plan for
 a new house suited to our needs & ad-
 joining etc. This he has done & he has
 given it to various Contractors for
 estimates & we wait to hear the cost
 before we finally decide as to what
 we shall do. I think I had supposed
 that if we had the opportunity to plan a house
 to suit ourselves that every part had developed
 to this satisfaction, but I find limiting our
 view

clap up that district & disapprove one - that
 notwithstanding I anticipate that Mr. Douglas & I
 have written out a rather nice interior per-
 for the space & limited price that we have
 tried to keep before us as a standard. The
 Governors have given paper \$2-50^{up} as a
 retiring allowance so if he can restrain
 his love of jinning away too freely we ought
 to be able to live very comfortably. Many
 surmises, suggestions & criticisms have appeared
 in the different papers in regard to the retirement
 & the Successor to the Office - the names of Bailey,
 Grant & Murray have been proposed but the
 Governors keep quiet, at least we have no idea
 what they propose to do. Sir C. A. is now on his
 way to England but whether this matter is included
 in his business we know not. Prof. Bailey & Mr. Phelps
 are also on a humane voyage for the benefit
 of the bays - only (they say). We are now following
 Mr. Phelps in his closing argument but it is weak as
 far as reported. Pardon this written, as it has been, in unpromis-
 able circumstances but accept much love from Mother.