

~~St. Mary's College~~, ~~Montreal~~, Berkenshaw, Little Italy
 Sept 9th 1895.

Dearest George

I have already acknowledged
 & thanked you for your interesting &
 welcome letter of August 25th. I had hoped
 above this time to have had the opportunity
 of thanking you in person here, but
 time speeds on & we begin to fear
 that another summer will pass without
 our having the pleasure of showing you
 the small improvements made on our
 little "Eden" wh.: while we are on the spot,
 hark so large in our eyes - for after all it
 is not a very small thing to be able to do

These two or a half years of the pleasantest
 part of our lives has been spent at
 Winkenshaw. Where see & they make
 this ever varying pictures & every tree
 is familiar as the faces of our children.
 I am ever ready to return & always sorry
 to leave — so it turns out that your
 father goes to town on Wednesday
 accompanied, as far as makes, by Bernard,
 Clare & Ruth, where they stay over a few
 hours, taking the evening boat to Manchester
 & stay here a few days & beges to close
 up & keep Anne Comper for part
 of the more extended limits of her stay.
 How they argue it would be if you
 could drop in & look after his solitary
 woman, & she would be charmed at the
 thought

of having gone all to Andover, in the
 fullest sense of the word, as the only
 visit we had after Wednesday week in the
 Frank Report: all is so quiet & peaceful.

My last letter fr Rankine was dated
 August & written fr Bergen. They had
 intended to explore some of the places further
 North but have had a prolonged time
 of rain & unpromising weather & though
 they probably return & coast down the East
 side of Scotland & arrive back in England
 about the end of this month. & where
 after that? fr Rankine whose anxiety he
 gives us. Eva & all here were well when
 she wrote last. Since they returned from
 Halifax hope she had taken a trip into

Another part of Wales new to them. You
 have I suppose heard of the death of
 Dr. Williamson. late of Queen's College, Monmouth.
 Clarence has heard more frequently of
 him this summer - he seems to have
 got on pretty satisfactorily with his
 investigations. He has had a most
 fatiguing journey fr. here to Montrose, &
 altogether I fear that she returns not
 much benefited by her summer's change. Altho'
 she has fully enjoyed it. Will you please
 oblige me as you return to Ottawa
 & say if there is any hope of J^r's coming here.
 I sincerely trust your trip has been both
 successful & beneficial to yourself here it is
 a short outing to you who are used to a long
 summer one of days. With loving regards &
 All affection from Mother.