

McGill College. Sat: 2 Sept 1882

Dearest Rankine

A word to let you know that the my^o & excursion are now over & we are alone, at least I & I are. Papa left Thursday eve with Mr's Carpenter, Hunt & Wiltshire to visit the "Daguer" in situ, intending to return today. It has (we are assured by the rep^y & my private members we have spoken with on the subject) been the most successful

my. of the Ass: took in the value
 of the Papers read & the number
 of Scientific men present there
 has ever taken place. The whole
 attendance was quite short ^{in numbers} of
 the Antennary one held at Boston
 two years ago. & that was the largest
^{ever} held. The whole body here
 been delighted with the kindness
 of the Citizens. We have had
 delightful weather & the garden
 parties given by Mrs J. H. Ingleton.
 Mrs Savageant & Mrs (Jenny) Mackay
 were really beautiful. The Reception
 was most brilliant & of course much
 larger than the more private entertaining
 somewhere in the neighbourhood

of four or five hundred. A picture
of it appears in the "Canada Illustrated"
An exp. party the M.H. Gault's & many
minute dinner parties were also
given. One household I myself
excepted joined the Ottawa excu-
sion. — It was enjoyable but
fatiguing. from seven A.M. until
a quarter past two the following
A.M. Lybil, Carrie, Kate Galt,
& Miss Lum & I went to Lake
Mumphyragay on Thursday & enjoyed
it greatly. We had Mr. Rae of Arctic
celebrity. Prof. Cope & others of budding
fame. in our party — A Car was
secured for us & all the arrangements
worked extremely well. Getting

I felt deigned but today I feel
 as fresh as ever. Papa (I have
 heard through one of the gentlemen
 invited) brings a party of gentlemen
 to dinner ^{to-day} to have "a good time" over
 the Layone. I surely mention this
 to give you an idea of how busy we
 have been - not even time to communicate
 with each other. One day thirteen come
 to lunch when I expected eight! 'Tis
 faith but my private arrangements have
 worked very well. With two new servants
 it quite astonished me. & I hope I feel
gratified.

Dr. Rae is going to the end of week
 & I hope you may see him. He is simply
 a dehydrate man. please be kind to
 him. There is also a Mr. Gilbert that
 Perry & Eva met at the British Ass: - of
 whom we have seen something. He is
 an Agricultural Experimentist & goes to see
 the Wheatfields as he calls the Prairies, of Course

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if time permitted much more
could be written. I only
intended a kind of telegraphic
communication when I began
& now I must cut short.

Bonard left for Mexico last
night looking terribly worn
out. Davy's place at Mexico
is for sale. He offers it for
\$900. if B. had the means he
wd purchase it. Papa I think
has some intention of doing so ^{per-his} "
but I know very little of the matter.
I wanted to buy 20 fut. ^{to pay to us} party
to make it impossible for new
comers to build between the two
cottages & party because we are

cramped in getting to the
 summer house. ^{also} because we
 cd get a better well on than 20 feet
 then we have on the other side.

If the Harringtons cd get Harry's
 I wd enjoy much more going ~~there~~
 to Mtis - two families in one house
 quite prevents our having the full
 use of it. but A. & the children
 wd be delighted.

William returned to Toronto ~~on~~
 the day after the mg^s began. Nothing
 so far as I know got decided about
 his position. He came down to
 survey the ground for the works here
 (i.e. Hackberry) in order to get
 tenders for brick & Carpenter work
 for buildings.

With much love from
 Mother.