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Montreal

Little Metes  
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To London  
S.S. Thawes

Dear Rankine,

I am here for a day or two, to consult before the Brit. Assn. meeting, and to bring up mamma to Montreal, as she remained over here on her arrival, instead of going direct to Montreal. We are rapidly drifting to the future of the Association week; and are already very much the various duties, difficulties and responsibilities of the occasion. I suppose however, like other similar things, it will drift over, and will soon be a thing of the past. In the midst of all these matters, there are various other of a more personal character, I am

Mr. Gill College  
Library

endeavouring to organize a scheme  
for education of women, which  
will require money, and much  
combination of different views  
and interests. William has  
left his Bridge Company en-  
gagement, and is looking  
out for something to do. I  
have no doubt he will  
find something, but in the  
mean time there is some  
anxiety and trouble. George  
is pursuing his work but  
has had execrable weather,  
all summer, and fears  
very much for his health.  
Still we shall hope

for first news from him.

A fuss has been going on, on the part of some of my friends about securing a Knighthood for me, and if in your letter you should find it an accomplished fact do not be surprised, for my own part, having so little means to keep up the dignity of such a title, and to defray the actual expenses of it, I do not much rejoice in the prospect. Two of my friends however, Ferris & Mr. Nelson, have been so kind as to pay a

Sum of \$500 required for  
 fees in connection with  
 the matter in London.  
 Still it will surely be an advantage for the  
 College; and <sup>and will</sup> ~~will~~ make me poorer. I feel very sorry to learn

from your last letter that  
 you were disappointed in not  
 getting letters at Aden. I  
 have written several; but  
 the only address you gave  
 me was care of P & O  
 S. Company. Since mother's  
 came, I have got the last  
 of places you sent to her,  
 and shall try to address  
 this correctly. I had known  
 that the most probable place  
 would be Aden, on your  
 return, and perhaps it will

be as well to allow the Company  
 to exercise their discretion in forwarding,

I sent you a notice for  
 Winnipeg that the Michels' land  
 will allow no interest, except  
 on Savings Bank accounts.  
 The notice sent by the  
 Hudson Bay Attorneys there  
 of action against you for  
 arrears on certain lots at  
 Portage La Prairie, and  
 Leduc a letter about  
 Medicine chests which I  
 have answered by asking the  
 person to keep them till  
 order from you. Neither  
 William nor I have authority  
 to deal with these matters,  
 so please attend to them  
 yourself; and if there are  
 any other outstanding things

that you know of, if you  
 give us instructions we  
 will attend to them.

Western matters seem  
 just very flourishing. The  
 immigration has been  
 less than expected; but  
 it is hoped that the  
 visit of the Brit. exp. may  
 do good and the crops  
 are said to be excellent.

Mamma, Lou, Anne  
 Bernard & the children are all  
 well, and thank you very  
 kindly for your kind  
 regards to you. I should  
 have written this in London  
 to catch the steamer, so must  
 send it by New York, which I  
 am sure you are causing delay; but  
 on Saturday Mamma and I found  
 so many things to say about an cottage  
 that we had to work all day at it  
 and forget the fact as to the mail.

Dear Anne accept my sincere love  
 and good wishes. Your affectionate father  
 W. Dawson