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To
Colombo, Ceylon
to P. & O. steamer

McGill College.
Montreal.

Dec 15/84

Dear Rankine,

We have heard
by telegraph of the arrival
of your steamer with
its valuable freight
of newspapers at
Bombay, and so
believe you are safe
to far or farther. Your
friend Dr Ross called
on Saturday evening bearing
your basket entrusted
to his care, and which

left us ~~Saturday~~ and
 Sunday, leaving this
 morning. Harrington
 has gone to St Andrews,
 & see his sister, who
 is believed to be
 dying. This is Mary,
 the last child James,
 another married sister
 died this winter. It is
 a very sad meeting away
 of a family.

Lectures are now over
 and we are going on, and
 I have a little respect to
 think of my own affairs

and to do a little
writing & penmanship work;
but it is only a few
days and these weeks
broken up with various
engagements.

I have just re-
ceived an official notice
of 2 years taxes due
on certain lots in
the town of Wills,
to amount of \$6.66, with
assurance that if not
paid the lots will
immediately be sold.
I shall ask you if he
has any instructions for

You on the matter
 and if he has not
 suppose I had better
 pay the amt ~~left~~
 as it is not large
 and I do not know
 but that ^{may} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~lot~~,
~~of~~ ~~you~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~ ~~lot~~,
 I have also received a
 printed card from the
 "General Supply Association"
 28 Baker St London, as
 of some privilege or "ticket"
 "held" which I do not
 understand. The card
 is too heavy & cumbersome,
 but you will know
 if it needs any attention

Wish you would arrange
about these little matters,
I do not care about any
payment they would;
but they worry me in
the matter of time
and thought, as we
does not know what
to do with them.

We all send
Christmas greetings and
wish you a safe return
by sea. Gifts are out
of the question, but you
will no doubt have
your share when you
return. Ever yours Affectionately

M. Dawson