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M. Gill College.  
Montreal.

March 8/85

Dear Rankine,

By this time  
we hope you are nearing  
old England again, and  
we hope also in good  
health and spirits,  
your last postal card  
was from Shanghai, Jan  
4, quite a long time  
ago, and we suppose  
before the late French  
attacks on places in  
that vicinity; and

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Ms. Bill Callahan  
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on your return to New  
you will have learned  
all the disastrous news  
from the Sudan. The  
world seems badly out  
of joint everywhere; and  
though we have some  
political fears here,  
we have reason to be  
thankful that, but for  
bad times commercially,  
and a rather sickly winter,  
we do not share very  
much in the trouble.



You will not be long  
to learn that they have  
ousted old Beaudy  
from being Mayor, his  
successor being a  
young Frenchman named  
Beaugrand, There is an  
impediment

One reason for my  
writing now is to inform  
you that I have been nomi-  
nated by the Council of  
the Assoc. for president  
for the Birmingham Meeting  
in 1886. This is of course  
unconfirmed, and waits

my acceptance, and is thus  
free quite private. His  
business humble, after I  
know some details, that  
I may accept, and in  
that case may have  
to be in England again  
in August 1886. In prospect  
of this I should be glad  
to know your probable move-  
ments.

We are very much troubled  
that all our letters seem to  
have wiped you. We wrote  
quite a number to various  
places, but I fear our information  
as to dates was defective,  
and is well. Sence was with us last Monday  
Love from all  
Yours affectionately  
Wm Dawson