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Little Metes,  
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Dear Rankine,

Mamma desires  
me to acknowledge receipt  
of your welcome letter from  
Bundri which arrived  
yesterday, and as the  
Canadian mail which  
is our quickest here leaves  
this morning, and she  
is slow to write I write  
a few lines for her.

While in some ways  
we regret that you should  
stick so long to the  
sea, we must I suppose

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bear in mind the various  
time and irregular interests  
of Messrs and Dawsons  
and must hope that  
such unwanted opportunities  
may in your case easily  
work them out.

When I last wrote  
from Montreal I was  
nearly worn out with  
work, worry and hot  
weather. A few days' rest here make me feel  
better, and I am  
quietly plodding on with  
a little writing and  
idling about as usual  
at Metz. Thinking also

on the part and the  
future, and wondering  
if I shall be spared to  
see much good come  
out of the present struggles  
of this strange world.

Here in Quebec we  
seem falling day deeper  
into the clutches of the  
Pope and the King. The  
leading measure of our  
Government this year  
is giving out of the revenues  
of this poor Province \$400,000  
to the Semits in pretended  
compensation for lands which  
they have not the smallest  
title to - thus creating them  
into the wealthiest

Unwarranted substitution we  
have. The effect will  
be a deadly struggle  
between them and  
the other clergy and  
the hastening of the  
fall of the Church of Rome  
here; but it seems  
strange that after  
the Jesuits have been  
driven from most Catholic  
countries they should  
take such root here.

We have here  
on three several colleges  
Anna and her flock  
Fluence then two boys  
and Mammae, and my  
self. Sarge is at work

in the Columbia. William  
is going as expert before  
an Abstrator in Vancouver  
and Huntington  
has just gone west  
to survey some lands  
for coal in the Rockies.  
Wade has run over  
to Halifax to visit  
her old friend Mrs  
Duffus, Mrs Badgley  
that was. My only  
expectation this summer  
is to be a short visit  
to St John to attend  
an educational convention  
and to see some rocks  
and specimens. I should

be an Enquirer at the  
Sociological Congress; but  
that is impossible.

I was sorry that  
I did not get notice  
of my new book being  
out in time to give  
you a copy before  
you left; but I  
have sent an order  
for it in my last  
and you can have  
it sent wherever  
you wish. I did  
not think it worth  
while to send it in  
charge of you as I  
suppose this and  
other letters will go

I do hope dear  
Hankine that gods  
will bless and prosper  
you and that He  
will make you a  
blessing to others. The  
good you can do  
in mending weary  
souls and ill treated  
bodies of men is  
the one consolation  
we have in your  
long absence.

With warm love  
and all good wishes  
and prayers

Ever yours

M. D. D. W. M.

P.S. I am endeavoring  
to concentrate my little  
means this year with  
the view in case I  
be removed of enabling  
Mamma and Eva to keep  
a home over their heads.  
The greatest difficulty is the  
little that can be had  
for money. Money is now  
lent in N York at 12 per  
cent on call and our  
friend W C McDonald has  
just bought me \$100 worth  
of Boston bonds at 4 percent  
as the best he can do with  
his little savings. At such  
rates of things for us in this  
way it will scarcely be worth  
while to make a large money.  
Mamma seems to be making  
some of his worshippers

W.C.M.