

Rideau Club,
Ottawa.

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Dear Rankin,

I was sorry to hear
from Walter, when I was in
Montreal last Sunday, that you
had been laid up with a bad
cough, & write now to express
the hope that your time will
over the difficulty, as well as to
thank you for the newspapers
which you have been so kind
as to send from time to time
& which I much appreciate.
There is nothing very new to
report, except the advent of
Florence's baby & both Ste & W.

are extremely pleased that it
 is a girl — the three boys
 are collectively a secondary
 consideration now — she is
 certainly a very nice looking little
 thing. Father is remarkably well
 on the whole, but is somewhat
 troublesome in his many ideas
 of 'doing something' & notions
 which come to him because of
 want of occupation. It is singular
 to note how he has almost entirely
 lost his interest in scientific
 matters, while retaining a fervent
 interest in the daily news, College
 matters & religious publications.
 Mother is in fairly good health

Anna & her flock are well & Bernard is
entirely recovered in the regulation of his new
laboratory & classes.

Please offer my sincere acknowledgments to Geo.

For the beautiful photo. of the little girl. - Show
shown it to Florence as a criterion for her girl
& she has nothing to say, but admires.

A heavy snowfall last week, leading to slush
& much, but I hope now that we may still
have the Indian summer ahead, as it is too

Lang for winter. I sent you a paper with notice of
Dr Wright's death. — It will be hard to fill his
place here. — He had a very extensive practice but
was a friend to everyone, particularly to those who
were poor, as he could scarcely be induced to
collect or take his fees from them. He simply
worked himself to death & died of collapse of
his venous system.

Yours very truly
George.

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