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proprietary schools commenced, the Toronto school, recognized by McGill, was an excellent organization for those times and went on as an independent school for years, but falling to pieces about 1887, the government and university of Toronto realized that the province was without any real medical teaching, the bursar at the university tells me that nothing came over with the faculty no records, no equipment, nothing but an antiquated lot of teachers, in fact H.H. Wright the head is said to have swept all the junk into the alley and burnt it. Adam Wrican give you the only details. After Bovell left the atmosphere was such that only one who took enjoyment out of continual dissension could remain.

Much of the copying of letters can be finished before you come over if you wish, an acting secretary could be found, the letters are pasted in big volumes and were arranged by the Bodleian in beautiful form.

Uncle after all, rarely talked to his family, there was no need for correspondence at all till he went to Weston and in the early Toronto days brothers and sister were in the city, and Johnson and others in easy reach.

After getting to Montreal writing would begin, but the brothers were reserved and never went into "hopes and fears," a few grunts constituted conversation though they were known to stick together through every thing.

They would love to have you in Dundas and Nona will be Home, let me know if there is anything else, I had understood that you wanted the letters started upon.

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With all best wishes

*Harvey*

April 30th 1920.

Dear Harvey

Yours of the "27th.4. 20. just in. There is as I have mentioned a collection of family letters which include the correspondence of his parents from the time uncle went to Weston school, his own letters are amazingly few, but many are included in the volume. I have come across many little details of extreme interest, as for instance a statement by his father that "Willie has gone to McGill, he thinks the hospital facilities are better", the fact that Bovell left the country in 1870; the most amazing statement by Bovell's daughter that uncle had endeavored to persuade Bovell to retire into consultation work and had offered, though only a student to carry on the rougher part of the office, it was the beginning of his great idea, no one had ever thought of such doings in those days; June 10th would suit very well all the places are quite near together, Port Hope 80 miles east, Dundas 40 miles west, and Weston 10 miles North-west. He never went to Port Hope, the Weston school developed into that institution and moved there after uncle had gone to the Trinity university. His matriculation signature is to hand at Trinity and a good description of the school as I mentioned yesterday, including the lists of students a few of whom are still alive and will have been found by the time you arrive here.

Of the old Toronto School no records are to be found, those were troublous times in medical education, schools came and went, the University school was dissolved by act of legislature in the 40's, Trinity medical faculty, Bovell's first school went out and