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(Handwriting)

(To his sister)

John's Sister from W.C.

(London, England)

February 16th 1872 [3]

My dear Chattie

I am indebted to this lovely climate for another cold in my head which has just arrived at the "constant blow" stage but will I hope soon subside, else I must needs buy more handkerchiefs We have had ten days of comparatively fine weather & I attribute my cold to the sudden change. The frequency with which you write is a very good point in fact a saving one in your character. See the habit Kept up You will be glad to hear that I had a nice long letter from "my girl" It was pleasing and seemed so natural. I dined at the Sheppards on Friday evening and met Lawford Rolph there. It was just a chance that he found out who I was for he did not catch my name when introduced. On my talking to him in a familiar manner about Dundas & his people I saw by his mystified looks that there was some mistake & so introduced myself again He seems very nice, but unlike the rest in appearance I have spent a quiet Sunday today going to Christ Church in the morning and all Saints Margaret St this evening I was asked with Browne to dinner at some relations of his but did not care to go with my "catarrh." Last night we went down to Dr Archers - an old McGill man in practice here - to supper and spent a very pleasant evening

20th I had almost forgotten that this was mail day and now only have a few minutes to finish writing before I go to the Laboratory. Canadian letters - three in number came to hand yesterday. ~~\*\*\* executed your commission at once: so that Mrs Browne might send anything you wanted by this mail.~~ The brevity of your letter was fully compensated for by the length of Nellies & Jennettes the latter of which shall be answered next week I am glad to hear that Bud is improving. I suppose he is with Nellie, though she does not say. ~~\*\*\* Oeler Begue & Gwyn sounds very well, better I think than simple O & B. \*\*\*~~ My cold is much better but I cannot dispense with "~~wipes~~" yet ~~\*\*\* We have had three or four days of cold yellow fog, not very thick, but horribly stuffy and it penetrates into all the rooms, chilling ones vitals. I am very glad that Anne has decided to stand by the Dr; it will have been a good lesson for him and should cure him of flirting I do not like to hear of Hennie having such a bad cough; how is the baby? -- Bath, I forget its first name Remember me to Mrs Phoenix when you see her next.~~

wipes

With much love to all

Yours &c

Willie

I send B.B. a "Telegraph" with Gladstones speech in it. Tell him to excuse the dirty condition but I rescued it from the pile which the slavey collects to light fires &c.