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Justice and HUMANITY  
Demand that the Rebellion  
Shall be Suppressed.

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Although this is a large city, and substantially built, it does not rival the more eastern cities in elegance and show. There is far more attractive buildings in the city of Montreal, though not

much more than one third as large. The R.C. Cathedral there perhaps excels any thing of its kind on the Continent. But the buildings here, although plain in outward appearance, are well finished within, especially the residences. There are some very beautiful, with gardens tastefully laid out, and surrounded with iron palings set on cut stone. The "Lindell Hotel" is a grand structure, and is the largest in America. It is eight stories high including the basement, and is magnificently furnished throughout. I have been all over and through it. One can almost get lost in it, but it is arranged transversely with halls to prevent this, and for other reasons.

The Young Men's Christian Association occupy  
a room or two in the building. This is a fine  
opportunity for us, who are disposed to read.  
They have a daily prayer meeting between  
12 M. & 1 P.M. It is constantly open. We can get  
books from them when we want them. It is  
said there are 36 R.C. Churches in this city.  
The M.C. Church hope soon to have seven  
organized churches here. The Union M.C.  
Church is a fine building, with a good  
organ. Pastor Rev. J. H. Cox. He is an  
able minister. I attended Class Meeting there  
1<sup>st</sup> inst. and it was I believe the best meeting  
I ever attended. An old lady was there who  
lived cotemporary with John Wesley, and attended  
Class meetings often with Adam Clarke.  
A preacher was there who had travelled 90,000  
miles in the Cause of Christianity. It was  
a good time. Rev. Ross delivered a Course  
of Temperance lectures last week, which  
were well attended, and done immense  
good. Hundreds signed the pledge, both  
men & women. It is alarming how  
intemperance prevail in this Community.

Two little children were run over by  
the Cars, and killed not long since  
and a ~~Man~~<sup>Soldier</sup> was shot dead in a bad  
locality, and many others are found  
dead Cause unknown, as in all large  
cities, poverty is seen on all sides, and some  
resort to desperate measures to procure a  
livelihood. We have been mustered for pay  
but are not yet paid, but hope soon to  
be, We have instituted again the school  
for the Com, & Non, com, Officers, which we  
have to attend every other day, some of us  
are also educating, for an examination  
perhaps, by the board of Ex<sup>am</sup> here in the city  
The examination is thorough in every  
respect - physically and mentally,  
The course embraces Gram, Geog, Arith,  
Algebr, Writing, History, Tactics, Regulations &c.  
There are men examined daily, and as we  
have books &c, we may in time succeed in  
passing, There is a Minn. Lady here which  
attends on the sick, who lends us some books,  
Her name is Mrs Taylor, She is an inestimable  
lady, She has waited daily on Frank Wildes &c  
doing them much good. She is employed by Dr

At present our fare is first rate. Tom Hanigan  
with J. Holson do their duty well in cooking.  
We had for supper last night one half an  
apple pie, & a slice of cake, besides good  
loaf bread, coffee, meat, &c. This is better than  
we had last summer. We also have  
hominy, very healthy food, made by boiling  
cracked corn; dumplings, soups, tea, baked beans.  
Since Ed. Talbot came back, I am not so lonely,  
and we expect Ser. Williams in a few days.  
Mich. Keogh has been sick since coming here. He  
is able now to be around, but is not yet well.  
There has been a Menagerie in town for some weeks.  
They have the various species of wild animals, and in  
addition have a live Hippopotamus, as a separate  
wonder, and indeed it is a wonderful animal.  
They also have trained elephants, monkeys, &c.  
To day they exhibit for the benefit of the  
Ladies Union League. I have now extended  
my letter very long. I can't write many things  
if I had room, which I cannot now think of.  
From <sup>daylight</sup> morning when the news boys by scores, sing out  
"Democrat, Republican & Union", till after midnight  
the busy throng is unceasing. Hundreds at the factory  
repair to their workshops. Scores of apple girls & women  
importance you to buy their wares, and all along the  
street is one long market. There is, however, about a  
dozen regular markets. If you examine the boxes you can  
see them building steamboats & gun boats, and the iron  
works show to you where is made the instruments of  
death, to thousands in the shape of shell, shot, bullets, &c.  
Go to the centre of the city, and you will see galleries of art, paintings,  
and other things, beautiful beyond description.  
But I must close. I will not delay so long again in  
writing, and I hope to hear from you regular, only once a week.  
our time is spent pleasantly, while not on duty, and when we are  
we act as stern soldiers. We have to deposit such a place.  
We sing union & other songs at night, read, write &c.  
Please excuse my unpardonable length & give my respects  
to Jones & Lewis & Cleveland folks. Ed. Talbot had not heard  
from home but on way and is uneasy. He is well so is W. E. Chambers  
& the rest. I hope you will receive this in good health  
as I always am to receive your letters, and thankful for  
advice contained therein. Yours, affec. Son & Bro. J. Montgomery,