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Dear Papa

Your long letters of last
week & remittance arrived safely, for
both of which many thanks. I will
attend to the Geol Mag & Subscriptions.

With regard to the various questions
it is rather difficult to be at all decided.

In the first place I don't think the climate
here suits me any better than the Canadian.

In fact I only wonder I have so far
managed to keep well in it, & I find I
have more little colds, sore throats, &c &c
here in a month than at home all

winter.

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About work. I think from what I
have seen of it I would like Survey work
very well, but as you say, the pay is very
small & this objection holds here as
well as in Canada. The work here
would also be far less interesting as every piece
has been so much gone over before & the
actual mapping remaining to be done is a
matter of minute detail. Besides there
is another trouble to be got over here in
the way of a Civil Service exam. of some
sort. Of other kinds of employment here
the only likely one would be as chemist
or assayer to some chemical works,
glass or alkali works &c. This would
involve living in some ~~small~~ manufacturing
town & getting at most 2 weeks holiday
in the year. As to assaying & mining
business in Canada I don't know
what chance of success there might
be. I daresay I might like teaching

Very well but of course cannot judge
of my capabilities in that line.

I am afraid I have not stated the case
very well, & must leave it - very much
as before, & in your hands. The decision
may after all be of something turning
up.

I can imagine nothing more delightful
& profitable than a visit to Nova
Scotia in the summer. It might also
be useful in the way of forming connections
as you say.

Another thing which has turned up lately
is this. Phillips intends during next

summer visiting some of the Carnab
mines, & proposes to go as soon as the
session is over if I will go with him.
His father has sufficient influence to get
us through the mines. This would be
very valuable especially if I am to go
in for mining of which my knowledge

4 as yet is purely theoretical, & I think
enough could be done in a week or ten
days. My great objection is that it would
delay my return home for that time.

Please tell me what you think about
this. I should of course pay for it out
of my Scholarship, & think on the whole
it might be a profitable investment.

Between the present & all these flaws like
the examinations, & should I not get
through these comfortably. (Meaning in

the first class necessary to obtain the
association) I don't think I would feel
inclined for any such trip. I am

especially afraid of the Applied mechanics
& my want of mathematical knowledge.

With love to all
I might add anything, I now have
to finish in pencil.

With love to all

your affectionate
George