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Dear Papa

I embrace the opportunity of a messenger to Garry to drop a few lines to let you know of my return to this place. I arrived just this morning having been about six days en route from Hungry Hall. Constant storms of wind or rain detained us much, though the immense number of islands in this Northern part of the lake render it less easy to get completely windbound.

I looked carefully for Dr. Bisby's limestone exposures in the Southern part of the lake, but quite unsuccessfully. From his description, & what I myself saw there, I judge they must have been just boulders of larger size than ordinary. There is however a great quantity of limestone debris, & gravel mingled with the Laurentian material round the South Shore & it is difficult to account for its presence there, the prevailing direction of glaciation, otherwise of transport, being about SSW. Of Laurentian rocks there are plenty of the ordinary kinds, & where Dr. B's Chlontic slate or come in there is evidently an area of Huronian, though from the inaccuracy of the map with regard to the islands, & the apparent structure of mica schists of Laurentian, with micaceous? schists associated with chlontic & therefore probably Huronian; I fear I

will not be able to lay down its course with any approach to accuracy.

I am now here & appointed to meet Captain Cameron at the end of the month, & though I have no advice from him hope that he may turn up within a few days, as this is a fearful dull place to stay at with nothing interesting, in fact nothing but woods & swamps around it.

It is very probable that I may go to Rat Portage at the outflow of Winnipeg R. before I leave the Lake, as Captain Cameron as you know has some theory about the different present level of the Lake to explode. Perhaps I may go a little further & into Whitefish Bay. In any case I hope to return to Pembina via the Red & Roisican Rivers & to get back there before the end of August or then at once to go west.

I have collected a few shells &c in my trip round the lake & also some plants though many of the latter have been damaged by getting wet, & for want of time to change the papers.

I got here this morning a letter from mamma dated July 1. which is pretty good time considering all things, also a "Nature" "Enquirer" & "Leisure Hour" for all of which thanks.

I hope you are having a pleasant time now at the Seaside & that all things about the situation & house come up to expectations. The weather here is not at all insufferably hot, neither is it so cold at night as I was lead to expect.

With love & all your affectionate Son  
George