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My dear Father,

I have just arrived from Liverpool and now write as the mail closes this evening. I have come to a small hotel on Bow Lane just off Cheapside which I think will prove comfortable. It has the advantage of being extremely central, & is also quite quiet although so near the leading thoroughfares. I came up from Liverpool by the Midland R'y for a change. It passes through some fine scenery in Derbyshire rocky gorges & rugged-looking hills.

I sent from L'wool for 1/3; & you may say to D<sup>r</sup> Carpenter that I remembered his letter.

I went over to Rock Ferry yesterday afternoon, & saw M<sup>rs</sup> Crow & gave her the maple sugar, for which it seems that Alice is particularly partial. Miss Crow is on a visit to Belinburgh. I stayed to tea at the Crow's, returning in the evening with M<sup>rs</sup> Crow, as she happened to be going over to Liverpool.

I called also at the Rudolfs as M<sup>rs</sup> R. had returned from town.

The boys had met with the good-luck of catching a hedgehog in their rat-trap; they are going to try to keep it.

I intend leaving for Paris to-morrow evening by the "Cheap & Picturesque Route" (Southampton & Dover). I would prefer to stay here over Sunday

but the latter half of the way is be  
the ordinary undulating country go  
most usually met with here. The to  
Third class carriages on the Midland the  
line have cushioned seats, which no  
is quite luxurious. cor

I went to the Alexandra hgl  
Hotel on Dale Street in Liverpool, I do  
& called at M<sup>r</sup> Crow's office. 150  
soon after arriving. I found him me  
there, looking quite well; in fact A  
I think he is quite better now. he  
The parcel from Cathie had  
arrived all right. M<sup>r</sup> Crow in  
seems to think that it would  
only be possible to get into an pro  
Iron firm as a matter of favour did  
I mentioned to him my chances liv  
in regard to Smith Bros. of Glasgow  
through D<sup>r</sup> Murray; & he <sup>knows something of the firm and</sup> thought see  
it pro the best chance. I would

be likely to have. I will probably  
try go out to Coopers Hill tomorrow  
to see what I can learn from  
the Professor there; & if he has  
nothing better to advise, I will  
commence to arrange for going to  
Glasgow. Mr<sup>r</sup> Brown said that if  
I did not succeed in that, he  
would try what he could do for  
him in connection with Sir W.  
Armstrong & Co of Newcastle; but  
he seemed to think there would be  
but a small chance of my succeeding  
in that quarter.

I have brought Mr<sup>r</sup> Selwyn's  
parcel so far with me. They  
did not ask me to open it at  
Liverpool, & they said there was no  
duty on firs. It has not been  
any trouble to me; & I will now  
send it by "parcels delivery".  
Mother's parcel for Edinburgh,

but I think it would be advisable  
to have a day or two in Paris  
before the lectures commence.

First class by that route is  
less than second by any of the  
others. It takes somewhat longer,  
and the sea voyage is longer;  
but their boats are the largest  
& most comfortable on the  
channel except of course the  
new "Castalia".

With love to all, believe  
me your affectionate son

William.

William  
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