

(E. P. C.)

William
27th March, 1877.

(Tuesday)

Please give the enclosed receipt to George. I sent the books by N.V. on Friday. Postage 2 francs.

My dear Father,

We have passed our examination with Collignon this morning, on hydraulics. I had thought myself rather better up than usual this time, but was not at all satisfied with my answering when my turn came. We all seemed unfortunate in getting questions we knew very little about; so that Collignon's generosity in the marks he gives is more than usually noticeable. We had all been put through before half-past ten, and I took the opportunity to go to Gils, as we have no lecture this

afternoon. When I returned I found the my
note already posted. fore

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Dawson	16	Mironesco	18	keep
Thramer	13	Swithowski	15	spring

Margossoff was absent. and

I drew £ 20 this morning which I hope two
will last till after the session is ended. to be
I might perhaps have waited till the end mar
of the month, but I hope it will prove a gov^t
convenient time as it is. out;

Our lectures are now almost all fin- the
ished; tomorrow & the day after will see of the
the last of those that still remain. Our show
first general examination (Collignon's again) we
is on the 28th April, & the last on the of a
22nd May, which brings us to the final mov
end of our work for this session. Before from
these begin, however, there are several men
excursions which we are to make. One for
of these is to a reservoir not far from

the my quarter, and which I have already been
fortunate enough to see. It is in two stories
& covered in, with grass sown on top to
keep the water cool. It is supplied with
spring water, from the "Source de la Vanelle",
and has ~~only~~ been finished only a year or
two ago. We are also to visit the Government
tobacco manufactory, where there is some re-
markable machinery. This is one of the
great monopolies, & is systematically carried
out; the whole process from the raising of
the plant to the sale retail, ^{being} in the hands
of the Government. Then there are the work-
shops of the Chemin de fer de Lyons which
again we are to see; & also a improved kind
of dam across the Garonne, which has a
final moveable summit so that the spring floods
pass over it when it is lowered, & in sum-
mer the necessary depth of water is secured
for navigation.

We have still a projet left to do.

consisting in the preliminary study of
different kinds of dams for a given river,
specially with reference to their cost. It is
somewhat indefinite, as we are not told
how many ~~stuffs~~ varieties we are to in-
vestigate; but we know pretty well from
our lectures which will be the most im-
portant.

We are to have a holiday on Friday &
also on Monday of next week. Miss Howard
does not intend having a meeting on Saturday,
but has invited Dorian & myself to dine
with her. She has also asked a young fel-
low of the name of Vertue, a nephew of the
London Publisher. He is about 18, & has spent
the winter here at a Protestant school; but
leaves here at Easter ~~to~~ with the intention of
spending some time in Germany. Of course
he will spend a few weeks at home before
going off on a second expedition. I have
seldom met any one more gentlemanly &
polite than he is; which is certainly encour-
aging, as few "foreigners" contrast favourably
with Frenchmen in this respect. Not that
they can be placed side by side in regard to
sincerity as a rule; but still, there is no reason
that solid masonry should pride itself on being
rough because veneering is polished.

With much love, your
affectionate son,

William.