

Kaukua
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17 Palace Road
Albert Embankment
Aug 24th

My dear Father,

I thank you
most heartily for the action
you have taken for me in the
Canada Scotch matter, &
for trusting my judgment in it.
I shall no longer, I trust, have
ground for feeling that ^{while} every-
thing in the west is advancing
with unprecedented rapidity,
that I only had been cast
out & left behind. It was
indeed good news to me, &
will aid me, not a little,
in trying to carry out your
instructions about going on
cheerfully with professional
work until next Spring.
As regards the prospects of the

2) enterprise, as I have already said, I am most sanguine: I know the country which they have to deal with, & the facilities which they will have during the next few years for acquiring settlers. I should particularly like to see the letters received from Drummond, & should be much obliged if you will either keep them for me or forward them. Thank you too for what you say about the way in which people in general think of a man who shows that he considers himself ill used & disappointed. I feel sure that it is very true, although it certainly makes it doubly hard to bear. I do try however always to appear cheerful & hopeful towards other, & think I succeed pretty well.

3) I have decided to go in for a further examination here in the middle of October, & so have six weeks of steady hard work to look forward to. This, you will remember, I spoke to you of in N.Y. when I proposed crossing this summer. James Ross also intends to go up, so that we shall do most of our work together, which will be a considerable help. If I am successful, which however seems quite uncertain at present, it will of course be an additional standing & will be a considerable help to me as regards work at Mont^l during the latter part of the winter. As far as Mc Gill session is concerned, I have as you know finished all my obligatory work there, & have no intention of putting in another winter of abject slavery & cram but rather look forward to 3 or 4 months of practical work & shall be quite satisfied with an average place in spring. I shall take it as an especial favour if you will not say anything about my intending to try for further distinctions here. It will be quite enough for any inquiring friends that I find work profitable here & shall be a month or so late for the session: This I have already told Howard. — Oser steyerly advised me to remain here till Christmas. — I received a kind note from Mr. Redpath the other day inviting me to spend the afternoon & dine with them at Chislehurst tomorrow. This I gladly consented to do, as I should like much to see their new house, although he says it is still far from being arranged. I also have got letters from Mr. Scott & Mrs. Kemp inviting me to come as soon & remain as long as possible, which of course I have thanked them for, & have answered by saying that I shall not fail to visit them before recrossing, but that my work will detain me here for the present, & must hope to make up for broken weather & departed summer, by a warm welcome later in the season. — I called on Dr. Carpenter a few days ago but finding him out of town, left your introduction with a card & have since received a very friendly note asking me to call again.

Again many thanks. Please give thanks to mother for her kindness. Ever your affectionate son
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