

Rowland
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My dear Father,

I have very much pleasure in announcing that I have been "successful" in my examination, and now have the right to practise "physic, including the practice of Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery" in any part of Her Majesty's dominions. After all nothing succeeds like success. The examination has been a somewhat protracted one, but throughout, I think, a very fair one. We had three written exam^s, one on each of the three subjects, on successive evenings, lasting from 7-10 p.m.: Two practical examinations, on patients in the Hospitals (this during the afternoon); an examⁿ in operating on the dead body; and last night a very thorough oral

2) on all three subjects. Our examiners were, in medicine, Dr Ringer & Dr Hanfield Jones, in surgery Mr. Bryant & Mr Pollock, and in Midwifery Dr Playfair & Dr Galabin. All well known names. Dr Ringer knows Oster well, was much pleased to hear that we were from McEil & his pupils, & seemed to think that that had something to do with our success. He had also met Howard this summer. Mr Bryant is an exceedingly pleasant man, and a capital examiner, and as I had read his work on surgery I was in a position to please him by my answers. Old Mr Pollock, when he heard I was from Montreal, seemed rather interested and said he supposed it must have much changed since he visited it thirty years ago. These and other trifling incidents naturally impress themselves on the memory at such a time. We had no reason to complain of our treatment during

3/ examination, paper &c. all
provided of the best, instruments
for operation new & in beautiful
order, coffee & thin bread &
butter passed round during evening
work, &c. &c. A limited number
are taken for their oral on each
evening, following the written, questions
are put, general and also on the
answers which one has given, the
papers having been looked over in
the meantime, & after half an
hours consultation, the successful
competitors are summoned to the
presence of the examiners & their
good fortune announced to them.

I was exceedingly fortunate in both
my medical & surgical oral, being
taken in the former entirely on
diseases of children, of which I have
as you know been seeing a good
deal lately. In saying we, I
include of course Ross, who is also
successful. I need hardly
say that it is an intense
relief to be free once again.

I now propose to go out and
spend a few days with Mrs
Peter Medpath, as she has very
kindly invited me to do, perhaps
until next Thursday or Friday
when our diplomas at the
College will be ready. After this
I intend going across to Paris
for a few days. The weather is
likely to be fine, as well as cool
at this season, and Mr Crow tells
me that besides the usual stock
sight, and the city itself, that
the electrical exhibition at present
being held there is of very
exceptional interest. On my
return I may find it profitable
to spend a week in London, before
going to Liverpool as I have promised
to do in order to spend a few days
with the Crows there. Thence,
probably to see Edinburgh's
friends. I trust that these
plans may meet with your
approval. As regards funds, I
have again been drawing on

4) my credit at the Bank to
the extent of £15-0-0. My
expenses in London up to date
stand much as follows:—

For clothe & outfit 25-0-0
- fees & other 25-0-0
- living & other
general expenses 38-0-0

Also £3 also for a paper and
straw hat which I purchased
this morning.

It is a great relief to feel that
one is of a qualified man, & I
will always thus, whenever
one in any turn one hands to
here after, have this to fall
back upon.

Eva tells me that there
is some prospect of your
going to Toronto at Christmas
time. I sincerely hope you
may do so as I am sure
you would enjoy it. Eva too
I know would be much

5/ pleased with Toronto people
I could be life to spend a
few weeks with the Wilsons
which she would much enjoy.

And now I want to say
a few words about a subject
which I have not touched for
some referred to for some weeks
past viz. my lands in Man-
itoba. I almost dread

writing to you about them for
fear you should undertake
some hasty or ill advised
action in connection with the
matter, but on the other hand
you might have the opportunity
& power of helping me very

much in the matter, especially
if you are likely to be in Ottawa
again, & at least you
should know that the
question is, as I understand
Mr Russell entirely a open

6/ ^{as yet} one. If you see Mr
Russell, or if any opportunity
occurs otherwise, you can
say that I intend to go to
Manitoba next spring, that
I am still very anxious
to get the land for which I
have applied, that if necessary
I shall give such price, other
than that at which it was being
sold at the time of my application,
as the gov^t may deem fair,
and that if desired I shall
engage to have a given proportion
under cultivation within a
limited time. Either this or
else nothing. This may seem
a little strange to you per-
haps but I could not
do all this. Do not for a
moment imagine that
I propose spending my life on
a Manitoba farm. I have

no such intention. But I want
my land, it is valuable & will
be more so & there is no reason
why I should not make \$4000 or
5000 out of it, as hundreds have
done before me. I have a right
to it, others have not. Please
remember that it is my
business, that I thoroughly
understand it, that I have
been over the ground; know it
know how it was unfairly
granted away by the agent, who
thought that the Govt had
forgotten about it & that he
would never be called to account
for his action. I am determined
to see the matter through to the
bitter end and if necessary
shall fall back on the Selwogs
& hold them responsible for their
part of the transaction. I would
much prefer that the Govt would
itself redistribute the land on
some equitable basis. I do not
believe in & shall not

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practice any faint-hearted or
half way measures, as I think
that it is just as unfair to wrong
oneself or ones near relations
as to wrong others, and I can
say from experience that the
suffering is quite as great. I
hope you will not misunderstand
me, or in any way misinterpret
my meaning. I perhaps speak
strongly. My object is merely
that you should know what
object standpoint I am taking &
intend to take, since should you
be referred to I not know
anything about it, or say as
Anna unfortunately did last
year that my plans were other
or different or that I did not
care about the matter, Mr Russell
& others concerned would very
naturally suppose that I was
misrepresenting to ease to him.
You will excuse my reminding
you that you put me in much

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the position last spring. & that
my interests suffered much
in consequence. I shall not,
even if it is necessary for
me to go to Manitoba, allow this
to interfere with my assisting
you in any way in my power
with any of your work, which
I am looking forward to being
able to do. must write at least.
If you see or have occasⁿ to write
to Russell or Dennis. please say so
above, that I am more than ever
anxious to have my load; I am;
that I intend to return to Manitoba;
I do: that I shall give any
guarantee of good faith required;
I shall: The only thing in the
matter that I am at all afraid
of is that it will be decided
before my return, but I cer-
tainly think I have a right
to expect, & shall expect that
as it has lain so long already
it may do so a few weeks longer.

9/ You will understand I
write this not to urge or ask
you to write for me, although
an incidental mention or refer-
ence to it would help, — not
to ask you to write for me it is
my business & I am looking after
it. I write to let you know
how the matter stands that
you may not be led into any
action on my part by false
representation, which action I
might feel inclined to repudiate.
Of course there will be mis-
representations. I have no doubt
the Selwyns are busy at that
now, & that Mr Percys came
down for that purpose, & if you
are referred to I know nothing
or represent that I have
abandoned the whole thing as
a bad job, the conclusion
would be obvious.

This is written hastily in
order to catch this evenings mail

as I knew that you would be
pleased to hear particulars
of my exam, & plans.
I have not had time to indulge
in any circumlocutions, but
sincerely to blurt out my
meaning, so I hope you ^{will} excuse
anything which seems too blunt.

I must thank you for
papers ~~sent~~ forwarded which
I shall now have some time
to look over.
What a time in Ireland? You
will of course have seen accounts
Govt has I think acted extremely
wisely. & at the right moment.

Love to Mother & kind regards to
all

Ever your affectionate Son
John Keble