

them at home. Most  
things however will be  
better on the other  
side. I take for  
granted all are  
well at home  
as I have heard  
nothing to contrary.  
With best wishes

To a Father,  
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Sunday

Your welcome  
I now sit  
down to answer. You must  
not suppose that I have  
learnt nothing here. On the  
contrary I have, if not learned  
at least picked up a great  
deal of information in a general  
sort of way. Their system  
here is entirely different from  
ours & in some respects I  
think better. Students  
have little or no chance of  
hospital work, & devote almost  
all their time to theoretical  
studies & clinics. Then getting  
through in 3 years or some in  
2 years, those who want to

2) I know their work goes on for  
hospital places, where many  
of them have splendid oppor-  
tunities for acquiring a  
knowledge of the subject of  
such a character as to be of  
practical use ever afterwards.  
As to the woman's hospital, it  
is managed as the others are  
by a house staff who do all the  
work. Outsiders are however  
asked to the operations by the  
physician in attendance, & I  
have several times been up <sup>in this way</sup>  
thanks to my introductions &c, &  
seen one or two very interesting  
cases. Amongst other  
things that I have learnt  
here very thoroughly is the  
bitter truth of the extent to  
which my mistake of this  
winter has put me back in  
my studies, I hope it will  
be a lesson to me for life never  
to drop the meal for the  
shadow, but if such lessons

them at home. - M. M.

3) Take a year as grace to learn <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>affairs</sup> ~~affairs~~ that life won't be long enough for very many of them. Instead of dwelling on the past however I have been casting about to see what would be best for the future, & can see but two courses here. The one to go back to Montreal & din away at work there as best I can, cramming text books &c., in fact to take last year over again. The other to go across to Edinburgh say at the end of this month, to settle down to work at once, & go up for their double qualification examination, which entitles one to practise in any part of the empire, & which I believe I could take say in June (the exams. are held at frequent intervals), & then to work on there till the end of the year. In other words to follow out my original plan as nearly as is now possible. Of course this would be somewhat more expensive but as far as that goes I would far sooner spend anything falling to my share there, than in rushing from museum to museum or from hotel to hotel on the continent, which I would have enjoyed a couple of years ago, but which I don't care a row of pins for now. Of these two courses the former would be the pleasantest to me, living at home &c. but the latter would I think be decidedly the most advantageous. I intend to make further inquiries about the subjects. Of course I should like to know what you think is best, but am very sorry to trouble you with my affairs when I know you are so very busy & so much harassed with your own. Please don't go speaking to other people about it, as the advice <sup>one</sup> ~~you~~ gets is not worth anything.

You will excuse my writing all about myself as there is nothing else here to write of. I am all alone tonight as the rest have gone off to a Sunday concert. I was over at Brooklyn today hearing Dr. Palmage, & afterwards dining with the Thallons, to one of whom Prof. Moyle gave me an introduction. They have a very pretty place that are queer people. Our usual routine for week days is attending two or three clinical lectures, & sometimes going up to one of the hospitals if any operation is on hand. I am often up at the H. M. C. C. where they have a very nice reading room & library, & now know Mr. McBurney their secretary, to whom I had given an introduction, very well. I have been looking round in reference to instruments I have already got a good thermometer & hypodermic syringe, which are much cheaper here;