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My dear Father,

I am sure I keep up a perfect rain  
of letters & post cards, but at the same time find  
it difficult to hit off the Canadian mail proper,  
& so must beg to be excused for sending off letters at  
all sorts of odd times. I have been up for a day or  
two at Chamonix, & experienced rather bad weather.  
I intended leaving Geneva this afternoon, but the  
day was so bad that I decided to remain till  
tomorrow, & having nothing in the world to do, the  
Cureuses of Geneva quite exhausted, am devoting  
a portion of the day to writing up letters. From  
here I am going eastward, & may cross the route by  
the St Gothard, returning by the Splügen pass, but  
am not quite certain till I get there. The whole  
place is full of tourists at present, a great many  
Americans, & comparatively few English. So far  
however, I have not since leaving England met with a  
single acquaintance, en route. There is here  
at Geneva a very handsome new Nat. hist



museum, which I did not see when here two years  
 ago. The building is plain but substantial & well  
 adapted for the purpose - though perhaps a little dark.  
 The collection, particularly the geol. part - is  
 much in want of arrangement. It seems in  
 fact to be in a state of slow arrangement  
 but far from instructed at present, though  
 containing a lot of Pickett's fossils & other things which  
 should be interesting. I see the Brit. Assn. is in  
 full swing at Southampton, & suppose that the Am.  
 Assn. is also now in progress, though I forget  
 the exact date of the meeting. I do hope, however,  
 that when it is all over you will take a short  
 holiday & not before allowing yourself to become  
 involved in the winter's work, as I am sure  
 you must be thoroughly tired out.

With kind regards to all

Your affectionate son

George

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