

Halifax July 5.

Dear Margaret,

I received your letter of the 31st
as usual with great pleasure. I had heard that
as you mention many of the ladies were very
active in the matter of the pie, and therefore
you will probably only have a share of the
credit; blame I should suppose no one
would give you. I am now, as intimated in
my last, at Mrs. Thomsons during the day,
and sleep at a Mrs. Marins. I am very com-
fortably situated - Mrs. M. is of course very comfortable,
and they are very kind. At my sleeping place
I have a good clean neat bedroom, and the
people are very attentive. There is quite a nice
little parlour, that we could have if you
were coming here. I have given a few
of my clothes to Mrs. Marins, who thinks she can
get them well done; if not I can make
another trial. Mr. Thomson desires to be
remembered to mother, & sends her regards to you.

We had a great storm & thaw on Sabbath,
and the weather has since become very cold.
Last night I thought of you and Lucy, and
hoped most sincerely that you had taken all
good precautions against the recurrence of the night

I am quite pleased that you have
got your articles from home. Safely, and
to your satisfaction. I shall most faithfully
attend to your letter when it arrives, though I
am by no means confident that I can
get Scots notes. I have not however inquired
yet. I have spoken to Mr. Wilson about
the trimming, and hope to get a sample
to send with this letter, ^{Never mind, though the} ^{shape sent be the same}
^{as this, if it be next}

I am afraid that my request about
the birds will be a troublesome one. I have
now however another to make. I wish
you to send me the slides for the microscope
that are in a paper box inside of my microscope
case and two boxes of slices of poplar wood,
that are in the drawer of the table on which
the bird case stands. You can just send
the little boxes as they stand. What I chiefly
want are the slides containing slices of wood
or other vegetable substances. Please send them
by the first parcel that my father is sending.
Or you can put them up in a little parcel
with one of your letters. It will cost as little

as a postage:

I write this at Mrs. Thomson's, & send it with to-morrow's coach. There may perhaps be a parcel of last night's coach from my father to Mr. McKimley. If so I will attend to anything it may contain, and perhaps acknowledge its arrival on the back of this.

Last night I gave my last lecture on Mineralogy, and on Thursday begin Botany, which I hope will be more attractive. My audiences have been pretty good, but there are here too many things to take away people's attention, & prevent regular attendance. Balls, large dinners, temperance meetings &c are all ways taking away mine.

May God give you & little by his best things — and shield you from all evil — I am quite well & strong — not at all overworked; and would be very well off if I could see you now & then. We must however wait a little, with hope for that.

Yours affectionately
William

Ps. I have just received yours of Sunday
and am much disappointed that you
have not recd my letter of Saturday. It
was sent in a small parcel on Friday
night to go with Saturdays coach. I shall

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enquire about it. I shall attend to your
letter to Mrs Bell tomorrow. I send two small
pieces of stamped velvet. @ 63 & 50 yds - which I am
told are used here. Robson also has neat fringe with
& without broad gimp body @ 1/3 to 1/4 yds

Yours affectionately
William