

Westport Tuesday May 6

Dearest Margaret,

I left Dugh on ~~Monday~~^{Friday} morning, and got as far as Sandy Cove on Dugh week by two o'clock. I remained there all night and lectured to the people. It is a beautiful little spot, as you can see from the map, with two precipitous cliffs at the mouth, and a little lake and flat space with trees and neat houses at the head. On either side of the Lake are fine crags of basaltic trap, and altogether the place is one of the most remarkable little spots I have ever seen. I collected some minerals from the trap rocks in the afternoon.

On Saturday I came on here, copying the petty and Grand papayas in boats. The day was very fine. I lectured here in the evening. On Sabbath, a very wet and stormy day, I attended the Baptist meeting in the morning, and spent the remainder of the day in my lodgings, with the family of the Commissioner of schools here, who kindly in-

Went me to his house. On Monday
I visited some schools in the forenoon,
though the day was wet, and had
engaged a little fishing shallop
to take me over to Clare in the
afternoon, but the day was too
stormy. To-day it is still wet and
the wind easterly, though not high,
and I think we shall go over. I write
now because I may perhaps not reach
Clare in time for the mail which passes
through that place to day. If in time
however, I shall add a few words when
I get over.

Westport is quite a town, having
a number of neat houses and several
wharves, and two places of worship
with spires. Its subsistence is wholly de-
rived from fishing and navigation; but
the fishermen here are a superior class
& there is most other parts of our fishing
districts. I collected a few pretty sea-weeds
on the shore. The island has few trees except
some spruces. There is little farming, but a num-
ber of sheep are pastured, running wild over the
island. The island is wholly of trap, which runs
out from the shore in curious basaltic causeways,
and forms in some places pillared cliffs.

As mentioned in my last I received
no letter from you in Sept. I hope however
to receive one in Clare and if in time
shall acknowledge its receipt in this.

I would have written from Westport but
no mail leaves here till Friday, so that
if I have a prosperous voyage across the
Bay, I can certainly ~~write~~ post a letter
in Clare which will reach you earlier than
one from this place.

Clare, Wednesday May 7.

Tuesday was so stormy that I
could not leave Westport. In the afternoon
I walked to the South side of the Island and
saw the Atlantic swell breaking grandly
against the basaltic cliffs. This morning
I left early in a fishing shallop, with a
light breeze, and landed at Montegon about
10 o'clock, I immediately hired a horse and
carriage and drove on 9 miles to the town
home where my meeting was to be held,
and reached it just as the people were
beginning to go away, thinking that I would
not come. There was a large meeting,
collected in part by the fear of oppression
which many of the French people stoutly opposed,
though the priest spoke in favour of it.

To morrow I visit schools here, and
on Friday proceed toward Ferrisburgh
where I hope to be on Saturday. Dr
Farish sent a kind note to me in
Dey, inviting me to lodge in his house.

I received your letter of Sabbath
day, and am much gratified by its con-
tents. May feel constrained to bless and
prayer for you and your family. I am quite
happy meeting nothing the
well, and worse of recent fatigues

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Your own loving
William

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